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How My Son Was Killed In Bama – Father Of A Slain Soldier Laments

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Father of a Nigerian army officer, Captain Benjamin Toyiring Sule, whose life was taken in Bama area of Borno State following an ambush on the troops by the members of the Boko Haram yesterday gave graphic account of how his son was killed defending the country.

Captain Sule, who got married on November 30, 2013, about eight months ago in Kaduna upon his return from Liberia, was killed in an ambush by Boko Haram fighters last Sunday.

The father of the slain officer, Suleiman Yusuf Farman who spoke to our correspondent at his Kaduna residence where many people had gathered to condole with the family said "Though it is a painful event, I am happy my son died defending the Country."

The 63year old father of the deceased who said he was yet to be officially informed by the military authority, asked the Nigerian army to bring back his son's dead body for the young wife and mother to see.

He Said "I am aware my son is dead, but we are yet to receive official report from the army. I will be very happy if the army brings his dead body; I gave him to the government and the government supposed to bring him back to me at least dead or alive," he said.

Speaking further on his son's death, Suleiman said "I see my son's death as too sudden; however I take solace on Jesus Christ who admonished us to give thanks to Him in every situation we found ourselves.

"So, I am thanking God that he gave me a son and he grew up to go and defend the country and while on it his life was taken. The Boko Haram will have consumed all of us if everybody is unwilling to be a soldier. But, I thank God that my son gave his life for the country".

"He was among the first batch that were taken to Aba, Abia State when the kidnapping issue started shortly after graduation from the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), they fought the kidnappers and rescued Aba, and on coming back from Aba he was sent to Liberia; he came back from Liberia and got married last year November; two weeks after the marriage, he was taken to Bama, an area in Borno State.

"Yes, my son has paid the price, and I thank God his name will be written among those who has fought the fight. If by his death, we will have peace, I am happy and fulfilled because we need peace in this country," he added.

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