



Kidnapped General's body yet to be found -DHQ

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THE Defence Headquarters (DHQ) has debunked claims that the body of Major-General Idris Alkali, allegedly murdered by bandits along the Jos/Bauchi road and dumped in a pond, has been found. This is even as the Nigerian Army headquarters in Abuja said it has intensified efforts to locate the senior officer who went missing about two weeks ago.

Alkali was assumed to have been kidnapped. However, the kidnappers are yet to make any contact with the family.

The director, defence information, Brigadier-General John Agim, who made this known in an interview with *Daily Sun* in Abuja, said there was no truth in the report by one Dr. Idris Ahmed making the rounds that the senior officer was killed and his body dumped in a pond.

Agim said the military authorities could confirm that the senior officer was still alive and efforts were ongoing to get him alive. He said those making the false claims were only wishing the officer dead and nothing more.

Alkali, who was the immediate past chief of administration, led the army delegation to *The Sun's* posthumous Political Icon of the Year award presented to the late Lt. Col. Mohammed Abu Ali, in February, 2017.