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Defence HQ mourns killing of Group Captain by robbers

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ATHE Defence headquarters and HQ NAF, Abuja were yesterday thrown into mourning following the killing by armed robbers on Wednesday of a Group Captain of the Nigerian Air Force (names withheld) along the Kaduna-Abuja road at about 3 p.m.

Military sources disclosed that the officer who was only on Monday, posted to the Nigeria Defence Academy had left for the NDA in the early hours of that fateful day to report for duty, but met cadets of the Academy writing exams.

The exams meant that he (Group Captain) would not be able to take over his new posi-

tion until the former occupant of the office was through, prompting him to head back to Abuja.

It was while the officer, in his military uniform, was on his way back to Abuja from Kaduna that he ran into an ambush by the dare devil armed robbers.

The robbers were said to

have ordered him down from the car, a dark coloured Honda Cabinet salon, collected the keys and shot him.

Assistant Inspector General of Police in charge of Zone 7, Abuja, Kieran Duder while confirming the incident, told *Vanguard* that the Police Command in Kaduna has been ordered to fish out the killers of the Airforce officer.

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