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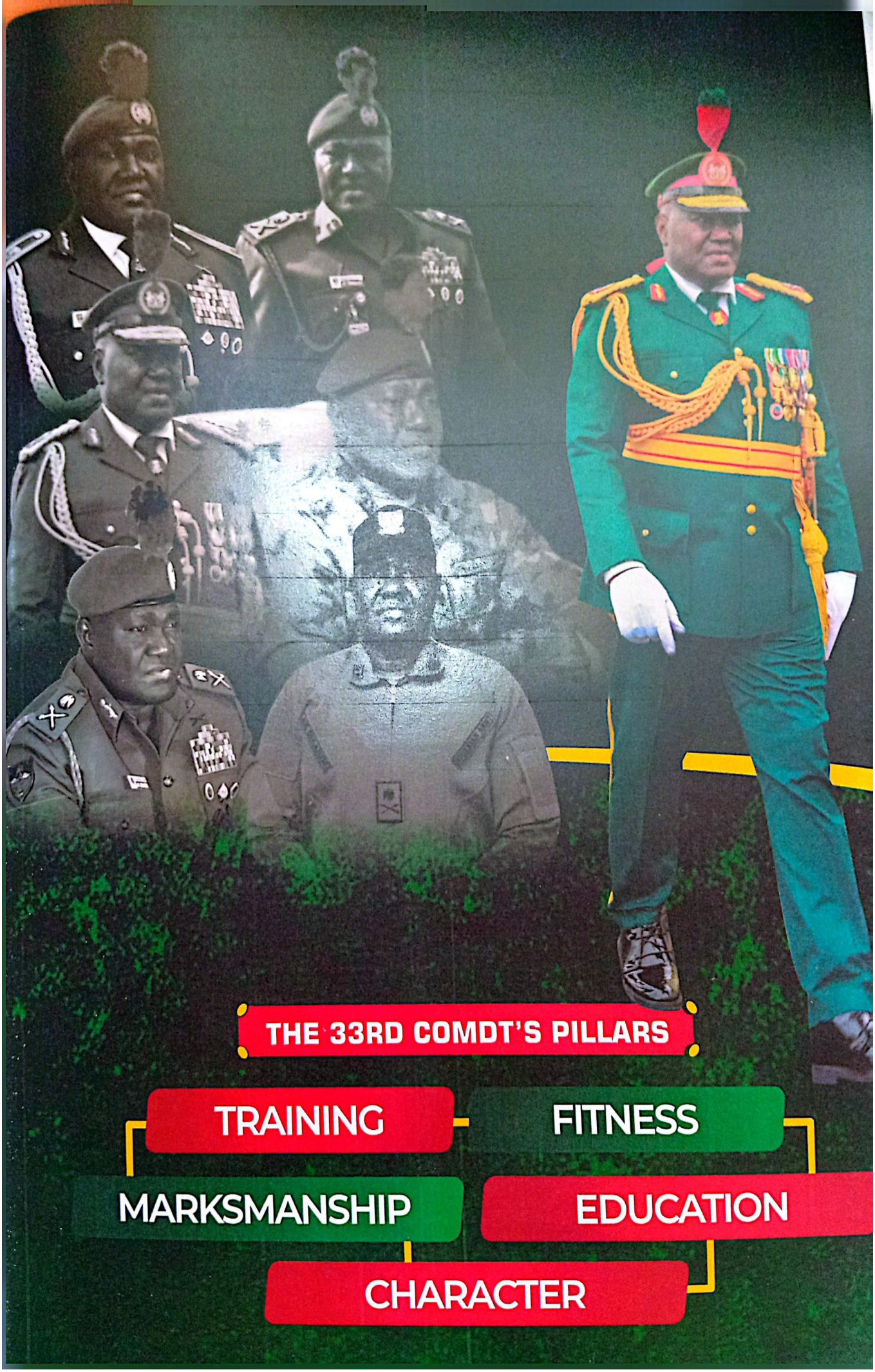
CELEBRATING THE EXIT FROM SERVICE OF AN EXEMPLARY AND BATTLE-TESTED GENERAL



The 33rd Commandant NDA

MAJ GEN AK IBRAHIM OFR (RTD)

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BIOGRAPHY OF MAJOR GENERAL AK IBRAHIM (RTD)

Maj Gen Abdul Khalifah Ibrahim was born on 19 March 1968 in Kaduna State, where he grew up and undertook his primary and secondary education. He hails from Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State. He is a member of the 39th Regular Combatant Course of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA). On 19 September 1992, he was commissioned into the Nigerian Army Infantry Corps for a sojourn that marked the beginning of more than 3 decades of dedicated service to Nigeria, Africa and the wider world. Throughout his career, he has held a wide array of command, staff and instructional appointments at tactical, operational and strategic levels. From his early days as a Platoon Commander in 177 Battalion, he quickly demonstrated the qualities of a capable leader. He went on to serve as Operations Officer under the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), Company Commander 7 Amphibious Battalion and later as Military Observer and Team Leader with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMIS). His leadership prowess was further displayed when he became Garrison Commander 13 Brigade, Commander 14 Brigade and subsequently Deputy Sector Commander in Liberia. He later returned and served as Chief Instructor (CI) Army Wing at the NDA where he contributed immensely to the training and development of Cadets.

Maj Gen Ibrahim's operational record is both extensive and distinguished. He has participated in numerous peacekeeping, support and enforcement operations including Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia and Operation HARMONY in the Bakassi Peninsula. He also participated in several internal security operations across Nigeria such as Operation RESTORE HOPE in the Niger Delta, Operation MESA and Operation YAKI in Kaduna as well as Operations SHIRIN HARBI and HARBIN KUNAMA in the North West (NW). He was a key field commander in Operation LAFIYA DOLE in Maiduguri where he served as General Officer Commanding (GOC) 7 Division and Sector 1 Commander. As GOC, he spearheaded decisive operations against terrorism and insurgency. Thereafter, he served as the Force Commander (FC) Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) in N'Djamena, Chad, where he coordinated troops from Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon and Benin in coalition Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency (CTCOIN) operations.

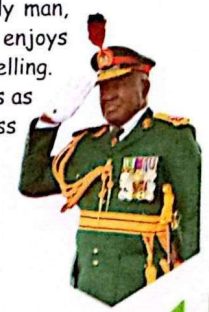


In recognition of his exceptional command and leadership successes both as GOC and FC, he was then awarded with the Nigerian Army Outstanding Decisive Command Medal (NAODCM). Likewise, he was also conferred with the National Order of Chad (NOOC) by the Government of Chad and the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) by the

Government of Nigeria. He has also held several other appointments that shaped both policy and training within the Nigerian Army. These include serving as Deputy Director (DD) Research and Development at Defence Headquarters (DHQ), DD Veteran Affairs at Army Headquarters (AHQ), Senior Resource Fellow at the Nigerian Army Resource Centre (NARC) and DD Policy and Plans at the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW), Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA). Before his appointment as Commandant NDA, he was Commander Infantry Corps (CIC), a position that underscored his reputation as a trusted leader within the Infantry.

Maj Gen Ibrahim is not only a soldier of action but also a man of intellect and learning. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in History from the NDA, a Postgraduate Diploma in Management from Ahmadu Bello University and a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan. Professionally, he has attended several courses including the Young Officers and Anti-Tank Platoon Commanders' Courses, Junior and Senior Staff Courses at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College (AFCSC) Jaji, Company and Battalion Commanders' Courses and the prestigious National Defence College (NDC) in Abuja. He has also benefited from international training and strategic engagements such as the African Contingency Operations Training Assistance (ACOTA) Programme and the African Land Forces Summits held in the United States and Zambia. Unsurprisingly, his service and dedication have been recognized through numerous awards aand honours aside the aforementioned. These include Corps Medal of Honour (CMH), Grand Service Star (GSS), Distinguished Service Star (DSS), Meritorious Service Star (MSS), Forces Services Star (FSS) and the General Operations Medal (GOM). He is also a recipient of Command Medal (CM), 2 times awardee of Field Command Medal (FCM) and Field Command Medal of Honour (FCMH). Internationally, his contributions to peace and security have been recognized with medals from UNMIL and UNMIS alongside the ECOMOG Medal.

Beyond his military achievements, Maj Gen Ibrahim is a family man, married and blessed with 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. He enjoys engaging in current affairs, reading, horse riding, sports and travelling. His favourite games include football, badminton and table tennis as sport endeavours that reflect his commitment to physical fitness and mental alertness.



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Tribute to
MAJ GEN AK IBRAHIM OFR (RTD)

Today, we celebrate a remarkable milestone - your retirement from the Nigerian Army after 33 years of dedicated service. I am honored to stand here as your wife, your partner, your pillar and your best friend.

For 21 years, I have had the privilege of loving and supporting you, through the highs and lows, the promotion anxieties, the deployments and postings. I watched you laugh with joy, cry in anguish, stutter with anxiety, but through it all, you stood tall and strong. Your bravery and strength, kept me from falling where I faltered. I looked up to you, even in your absence to inspire me in nurturing the beautiful family we have today. Now, looking back, it's all worth it. You've come out stronger than you went in.

As you hang up your uniform, I'm filled with pride and gratitude. You've served our nation with honour and now it's time for you to enjoy the fruits of your labour. I'm excited to explore this new chapter with you, to rediscover hobbies and to make more memories together.

I love you more than words can express. Congratulations on your retirement, my hero!

Mrs Halima Yahaya Ibrahim
Wife/Coordinator NDAOWA



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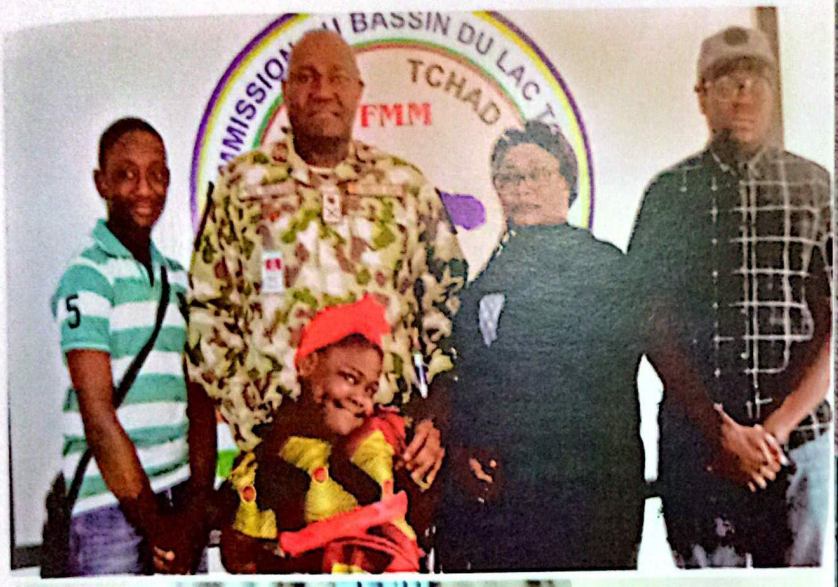
"The truest service is one that leaves a lasting impact; retirement only highlights it." You've served your country with strength and our family with love. I'm endlessly proud of the soldier you've been and the man you are. I love you and welcome home my hero.

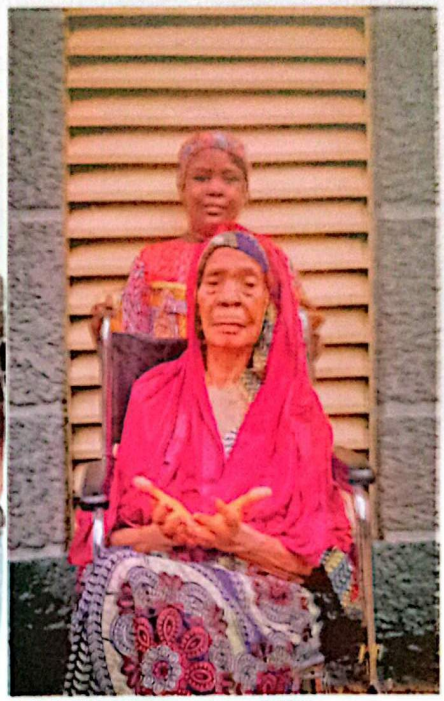
Mrs Maryam Ibrahim
Wife

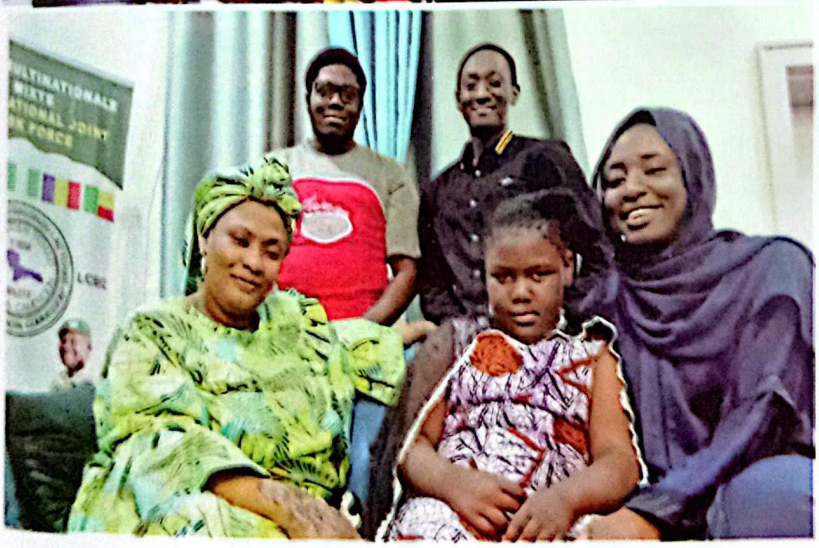


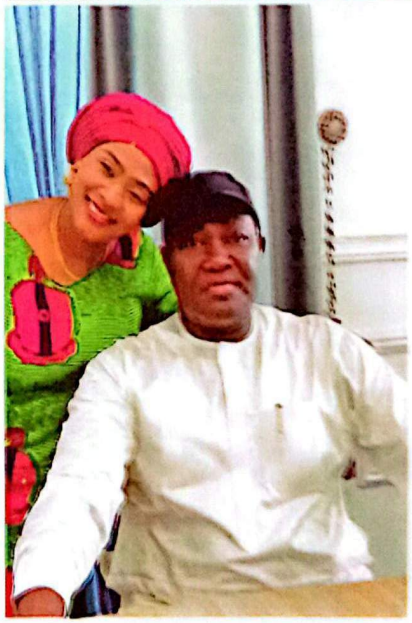
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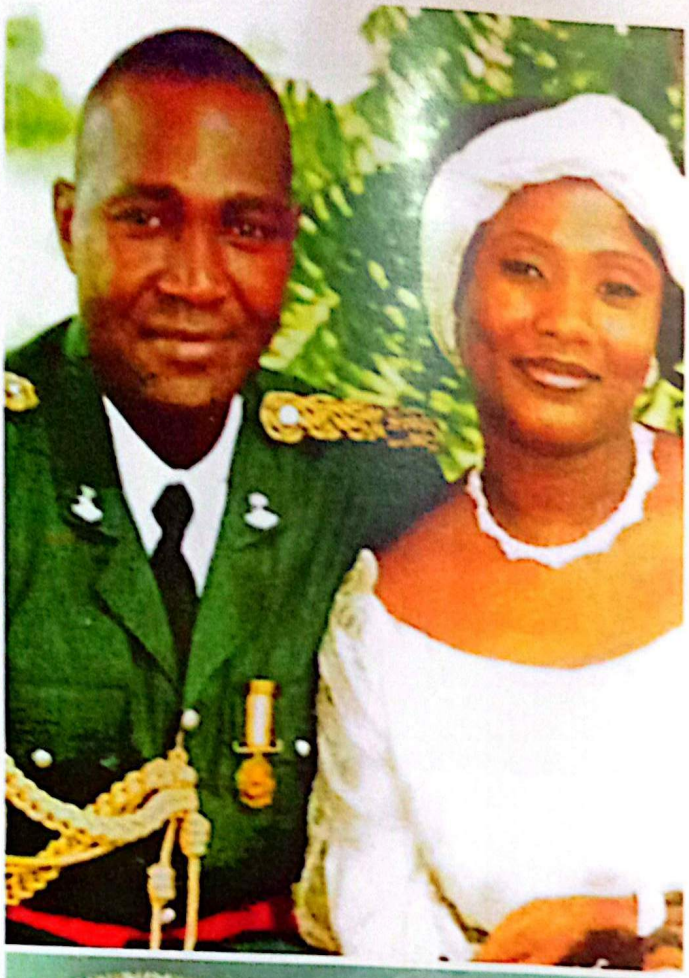


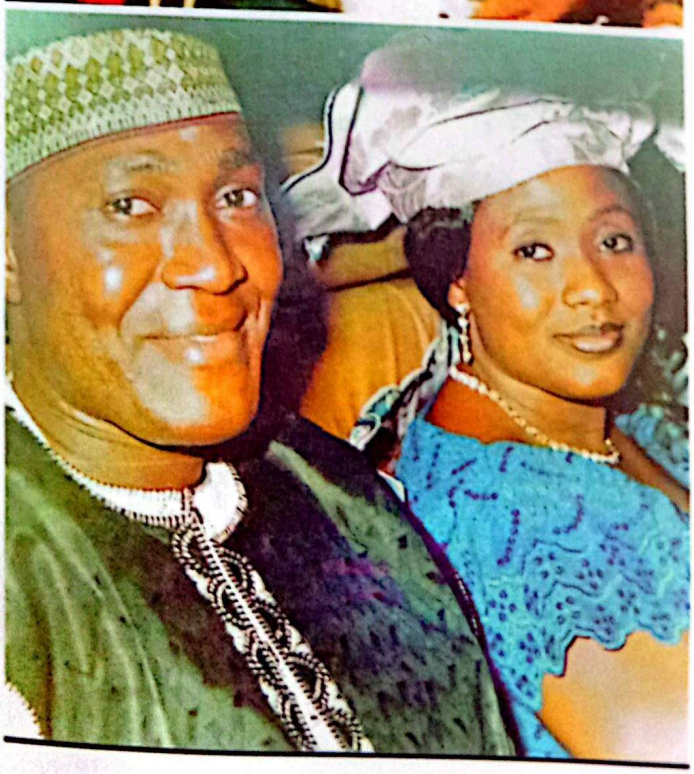


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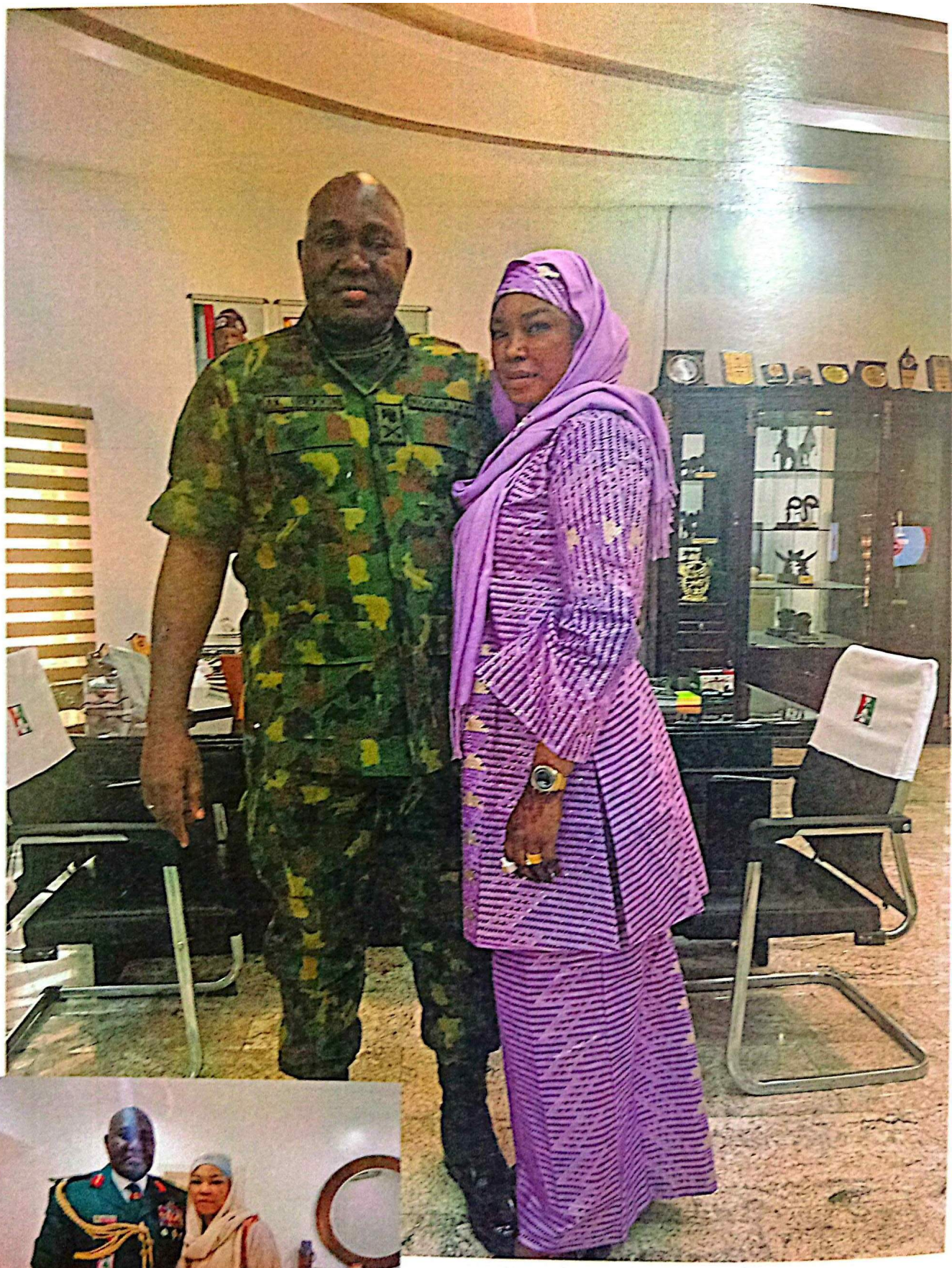






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