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in Honour of Cadets of

72 REGULAR COURSE POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS & HONORARY DEGREE AWARDEES

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Vice President Federal Republic of Nigeria

DATE: THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME: 0830HRS (8:30AM)

VENUE: ACADEMY AUDITORIUM NDA PERMANENT SITE AFAKA, KADUNA STATE

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National Anthem

Nigeria we hail thee
Our own dear native land
Though tribes and tongue may differ
In brotherhood we stand
Nigerians all, are proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign
In peace or battle honour'd,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.

National Pledge

O God of all creation
Grant this our one request.
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

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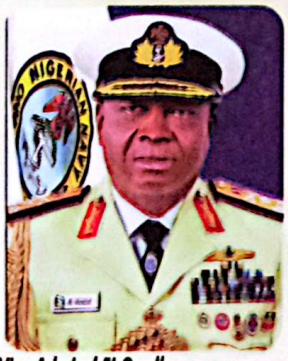
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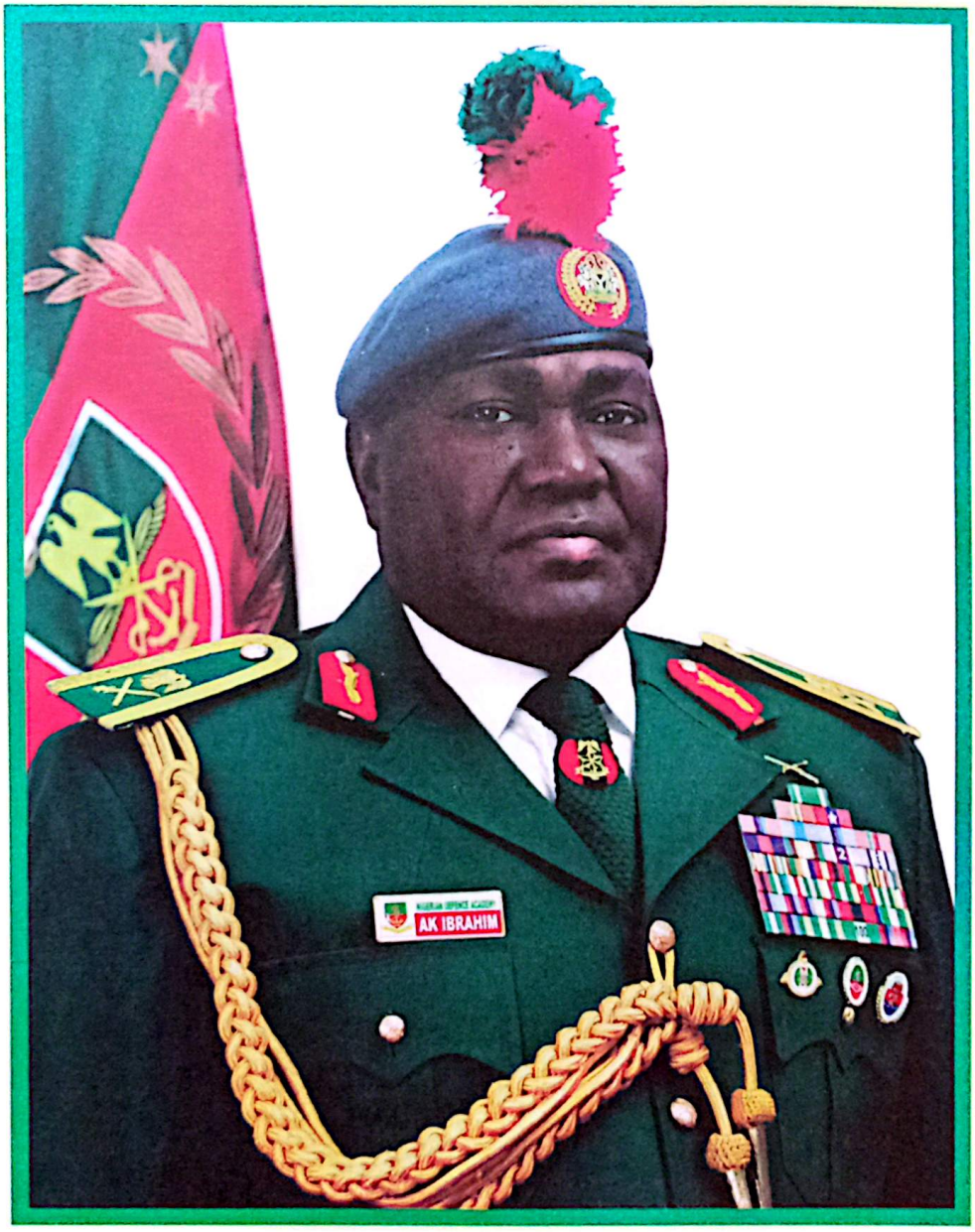
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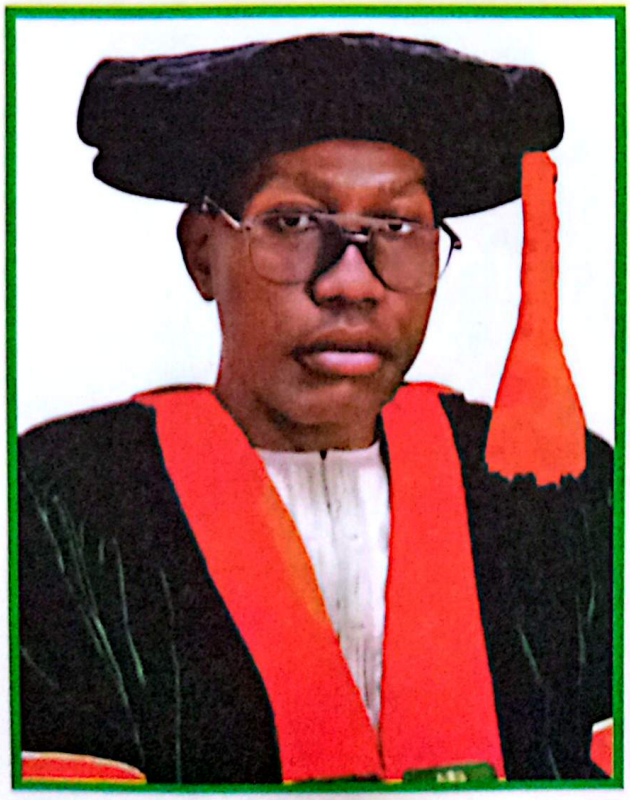
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