

Gen Sande laid to rest

Gen Wilson Mbadi commended the UPDF for honouring the late Maj Gen Deus Sande, saying such recognition encourages serving officers.

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The former Armoured Division Commander, Maj Gen Deus Sande, 62, was yesterday laid to at his ancestral home in Ruborogota Village, Kyanamira Sub-county, Kabale District.

Maj Gen Sande was given a 13-gun salute by the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF).

Former Chief of Defence Forces, Gen Wilson Mbadi, who is also the State minister for Trade, said the late Sande was dedicated to his duties.

"All of us will die, but a legacy is very important. Legacy is not about how many monuments are erected in honour of the deceased, but about the good things you have done and the number of lives you have touched. We shall always remember him for his ability to balance command, politics, and sports, and for being a great fan of Arsenal, as well as his devotion to the Catholic faith," Gen Mbadi said.

Praises

He urged UPDF officers and soldiers to emulate Maj Gen Sande, who he commended for his service to the army and the country.

He also thanked the UPDF and the Commander-in-Chief, Yoweri Museveni, for providing equal opportunities to soldiers regardless of how they joined the forces.

"I first saw Sande in 1999 when he was a lieutenant and I was a captain. He rose through the ranks to major

general. He was a dedicated Roman Catholic who loved the Church. He balanced command, politics, and sports. We thank President Museveni because everyone who joins the army has equal opportunities. I joined as a private soldier and later became a corporal, and this did not stop me from becoming a general," Gen Mbadi said.

He called upon Maj Gen Sande's son, a lieutenant in the army, to emulate the good qualities of his late father.

Col Dr John Lusiba read the post-mortem report, which indicated that Maj Gen Sande died of hypertension.

He said there were no signs of chronic disease or injuries on the body.

"Although both lungs were enlarged, the left ventricle of his heart, which pumps blood to the body, was also enlarged, meaning it had been working under pressure for some time. The provisional cause of death was hypertensive heart disease," Col Dr Lusiba said.

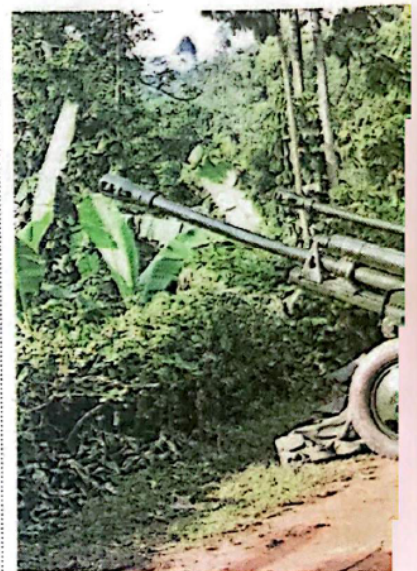
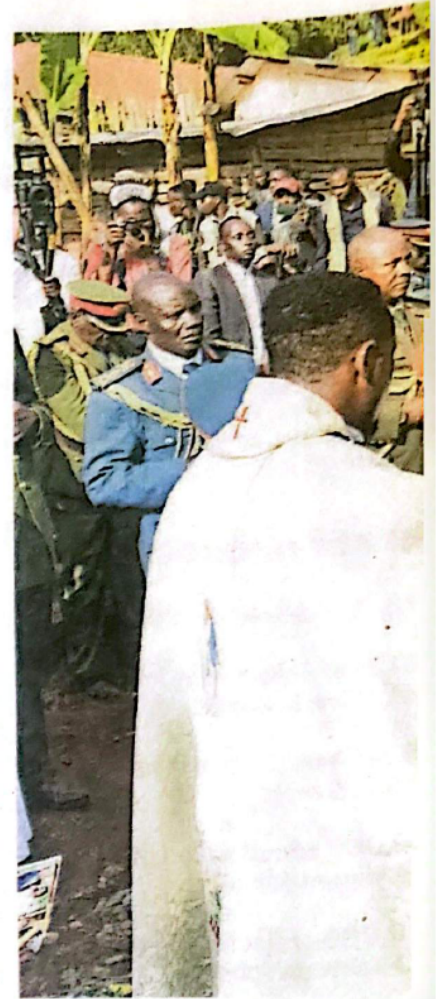
Maj Gen Henry Masiko, representing the Chief of Defence Forces, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, described the late Maj Gen Sande as a patriot who performed his duties diligently.

"He was a calm and admirable general who exercised a high level of professionalism and integrity. He was instrumental in restoring peace and security in the country. The UPDF is saddened

ABOUT HIS DEATH

According to Col Chris Magezi, Maj Gen Sande died at around 3:45am while travelling to Kampala, where he was expected to serve as a sword bearer at the funeral of his rankmate near the Nakasero State Lodge.

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UPDF soldiers prepare to fire the Sande.

by the loss of such a professional whose contribution was still very much needed," Gen Kainerugaba said in a speech delivered by Maj Gen Masiko.

The widow, Ms Annet Kyamprir, appealed to the government to consider providing employment to her children, who are both uni-