

BRIEF RESUMÉ

Major General Muhammad Inuwa Idris

On 26 December 2013, Maj Gen Muhammad Inuwa Idris was appointed the 26th Commandant of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA). He was born in 1960. He enlisted as Officer Cadet in 1980 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1983. He was posted to the Infantry Corps on commission but was redeployed to the Intelligence Corps. He attended a number of professional military and specialist intelligence courses at home and abroad. These include, the AU/UN Senior Mission Leader Course; the Defence and Security Management Course; the Senior Executive in National and International Security Course; the International Intelligence Directors Course; the War College Course; the International Counterterrorism Fellows Program; the Terrorists Interdiction Course; the Senior Command and Staff Course; the Intelligence Detachment Commander Course; the Junior Command and Staff Course; the Defence Attaché Course; the Overseas Intelligence and Security Officer Course; the Infantry Young Officer Course; the Intelligence Young Officer Course; and the Anti-Tank Platoon Commander Course.

Maj Gen Idris holds two Masters Degrees from the prestigious US National Defence University (NDU) in Washington, USA. The first is Master of Science in National Security Strategy obtained from the National War College, NDU, while the second is Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies obtained from the College of International Security Affairs, NDU. He also holds a Graduate Certificate in International Counterterrorism from NDU, a Bachelor's Degree in War Studies from University of Baluchistan, Quetta, Pakistan; and a Postgraduate Diploma, in Diplomatic Studies from the University of Westminster, London, UK.

Maj Gen Idris has fellowships, membership and affiliation with many professional institutions.

He is a Fellow of Harvard University National and International Security Program; NDU Fellow of International Counterterrorism Program; NDU International Fellow; a Member of American Society for Industrial Security; a Member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies; and a Member of the Royal United Institute for Defence Studies among many others.

Before his appointment as the Commandant of NDA, Maj Gen Idris was the Deputy Commandant and Director of Studies of the Nigerian National Defence College. His previous assignments include, Commandant of the Nigerian Army Intelligence School (NAIS); a Directing Staff at the National Defence College; Chief of Staff Nigerian Army Intelligence Corps; Colonel General Staff Nigerian Army Intelligence Corps; Military Assistant and Principal General Staff Officer Office of the National Security Adviser; Commander Strategic Intelligence Support Group; Officer Commanding Field Intelligence Detachment; Deputy Defence Adviser; Officer Commanding VIP Protection Detachment; Staff Officer Coordination; Desk Officer; and Infantry Platoon Commander.

Maj Gen Idris is decorated with the Defence Service Star Medal; the Military Service Star Medal; the Forces Service Star Medal; the Silver Jubilee Medal and the Quetta Medal. His hobbies include reading, writing and critical thinking. He is married to Hajiya Aisha Mohammed and blessed with 3 children. His life philosophy is hinged on the triple principles of Service; Excellence; and Integrity.