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## ARMY COUNCIL DECISION FOR IMPLEMENTATION BRIG GEN EA RANSOME-KUTI (N/8301)

## References:

- A. AHQ GAR/G1/300/47 dated 26 Jun 15.
- B. HQ DLS/A/G1/300/54 dated 26 Feb 16.
- 1. A Special Court Martial (SCM) was convened vide Reference A to try the above named senior officer. He was arraigned on a 3 count charges for Failure to Perform Military Duties and Miscellaneous Offences Relating to Service Property. He was tried but was discharged and acquitted on count 1. He was however found guilty on counts 2 and 3 by the SCM that tried him. He was thus awarded dismissal from the NA on count 2 and 6 months imprisonment on count 3.
- 2. Consequently, I am directed to inform you that Reference B has conveyed to this Headquarters that the Army Council in its last meeting on 22 Feb 16 confirmed the conviction of the accused senior officer on count 2 but commuted the sentence of dismissal to reduction in rank from **brigadier general** to **colonel** with 4 years seniority **WEF 15 Oct 15**. The council also quashed the finding of guilty and award of 6 months imprisonment awarded by the SCM on count 3 and replaced same with a finding of "not guilty". The senior officer was thus discharged and acquitted on count 3 WEF 15 Oct 15.
- 3. Accordingly, I am directed to request AHQ Gar to release the senior officer from close custody. I am to also request AHQ MS to post him out of jurisdiction.
- 4. Please acknowledge.

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