

Kofi Wayo asks military to withdraw from galamsey areas



• Mr Charles Kofi Wayo

MAVERICK politician and founder of the defunct United Renaissance Party (URP), Mr Charles Kofi Wayo, who says he has resigned from politics has paid his last respects to Major Maxwell Adam Mahama and described him as a "warrior".

In an interview with *Graphic Online* at the forecourt of the State House, where the state burial service was underway yesterday morning, Mr Wayo expressed worry over the manner in which the army officer died, calling on the Military High Command to ensure that soldiers do not find themselves in galamsey areas.

He said the Military High Command should recall their men from the galamsey sites, since it was not part of their contract with the state.

He has, however, commended the government for giving a state burial to the slain soldier saying it was the best the nation could do to show respect to the army Major who met his untimely death in the line of duty.

Major Mahama died the wrong way

The maverick politician also disclosed that the late Major Maxwell Adam Mahama died the

wrong way.

He has, therefore, underscored the need for the government to adequately resource security agencies in the country in order for them to live up to their mandate.

"First the government needs to resource the security agencies. The basis of the nation is its security forces. How long will the President last without the security forces?" he asked.

Murder is "animalistic"

Relatedly, a former Presidential candidate of the Convention People's Party (CPP), Mr Ivor Kobina Greenstreet, has described the murder of Major Maxwell Adam Mahama as "animalistic".

According to him, such occurrences took place during the formation period of man and such a practice should not be tolerated by any civilised society.

He was speaking to *Graphic Online* at the forecourt of the State House in Accra, where the remains of the late Major Mahama were laid in state Friday morning.

He said the lynching of Major Mahama should be the last case of lynching in the country.

Mr Greenstreet, however, said the practice of lynching could only be stopped in the country when state institutions work.

He has, therefore, called on the government to ensure that state institutions are strengthened to function the way they should be functioning.

Several mourners gathered at the forecourt of the State House to pay their last respects to Major Mahama.

Political figures present

Meanwhile, a full state burial service for Major Maxwell Adam Mahama who was murdered gruesomely a week ago by some residents of Denkyira-Obuasi in the Central Region took place at the Forecourt of the State House in Accra as directed by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo.

Other dignitaries at the event included former Presidents John Mahama and John Kufuor along with a number of Members of Parliament and other state officials.

Major Maxwell Mahama was laid to rest later yesterday at the Osu Military Cemetery, after the burial service at the forecourt of the State House.