

A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL

ROBERT EBENEZER ABOSSEY KOTEI

Major General Robert Ebenezer Abossey Kotei, born on 15th July 1935 in Accra, was a Ghanaian soldier, politician, and celebrated athlete who served his nation with courage and distinction. Rising to become Chief of Defence Staff of the Ghana Armed Forces and a member of the Supreme Military Council (1975–1979), his life embodied service, discipline, and patriotism. A former national high jumper, he excelled not only in military leadership but also in sport, becoming a symbol of Ghanaian excellence. Yet, in 1979, in the turmoil of a military coup, his life was cut short. Arrested, tried, and executed by firing squad, he became one of the tragic victims of Ghana’s political upheavals. Years later, the National Reconciliation Commission ruled his execution illegal, confirming what many already knew: that his death was an injustice. His story remains a scar on the conscience of the nation.

Astrology offers us a different lens to reflect upon the mysteries of his destiny. Though we do not know his exact time of birth to determine his Ascendant, the planetary configurations of his day of birth already speak profoundly. His chart reveals a **Grand Sextile**, also known as the **Star of David**, symbolizing a soul blessed with earthly fortune and endowed with harmony and balance. His **Moon trine Uranus, Neptune, and Venus** suggests inspiration, vision, and emotional intelligence. Uranus’ trine to Neptune and Venus reinforces creativity, originality, and the capacity to unite ideals with action. At the same time, his **Sun conjunct Pluto in Cancer square Mars** reflects extraordinary military strength, intensity, and the transformative power of leadership—qualities that propelled him to the

heights of Ghana's defence establishment. But this same configuration also carried the seeds of conflict, power struggles, and, ultimately, his violent end. The Sun–Pluto trine to Chiron hints at a destiny marked by wounds and healing, both personal and collective.

Saturn in his chart acts as a double-edged force. It formed sextiles to points of the Grand Trine, shaping a **Kite formation**, which often marks lives of public responsibility and enduring impact. Yet Saturn's opposition to Neptune and Venus brought disillusionment, betrayal, and the crushing weight of sacrifice. It is as though the very discipline and public dignity that Saturn granted were tested to the extreme in his downfall.

This horoscope portrays a man of immense potential, a soldier and leader of dignity, courage, and vision, whose fate was tangled in the contradictions of power, justice, and betrayal. Perhaps the same Pluto–Sun square to Mars that gave him his strength also played a role in drawing him into conflict and tragedy. And so, we say farewell to a good and brave soldier. Ghana salutes you, Major General Kotei, and apologises for the injustice done to you. May your family find healing with grace and forgiveness, and may your legacy remind us all of the cost of power, the value of justice, and the nobility of service.

Rest in Peace, Gallant Son of Ghana.