

# **ASTROLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT EBENEZER ABOSSEY KOTEI**

## **LIFE & LEGACY**

Major General Robert Ebenezer Abossey Kotei was born on 15th July 1935 in Accra, at a time when Ghana—then the Gold Coast—was still under colonial rule. His early life coincided with an era of transformation, one that would see the rise of independence movements across Africa and the eventual liberation of Ghana as the first sub-Saharan African country to break free from colonial domination in 1957. Into this environment, Robert Kotei matured as part of a new generation of Ghanaians who would not only witness independence but also take responsibility for shaping the destiny of the young nation.

Gifted both physically and intellectually, Kotei's early years were marked by excellence. As a young man, he distinguished himself as a **national high jumper**, representing Ghana in athletics and embodying discipline, focus, and determination. Sport was not just an arena of competition for him; it was also a training ground for the resilience and perseverance that would later define his military career. In time, Kotei joined the Ghana Armed Forces, rising through the ranks with distinction. His military career was not merely about command and discipline but also about service to the nation. His courage, strategic acumen, and loyalty to Ghana positioned him as one of the finest officers of his generation. His rise culminated in his appointment as **Chief of Defence Staff of the Ghana Armed Forces** and later as a **member of the Supreme Military Council (SMC) from 1975 to 1979**.

Those years were fraught with political turbulence. Ghana oscillated between civilian and military governments, and the Armed Forces found themselves at the center of governance. As Chief of Defence Staff, Kotei stood at the very heart of Ghana's security and political framework. His role demanded loyalty, discipline, and a fine balance between the duty to the state and the ethical dilemmas that come with wielding military power in a fragile democracy. Despite the complexities of the political landscape, Kotei was admired for his professionalism and composure. His legacy as both a soldier and athlete spoke of a life committed to discipline, service, and the pursuit of excellence.

## **The Tragedy**

The year 1979 was a turning point in Ghana's political history. Amid growing discontent with the Supreme Military Council, a coup led by junior officers brought Flight Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings and the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) to power. The coup unleashed a wave of executions of senior military officers accused of corruption and mismanagement. Among those targeted was Major General Robert Kotei. Arrested and subjected to a summary trial, he was executed by firing squad along with other senior officers. The executions shocked the nation, dividing public opinion. For some, it was seen as an attempt at "housecleaning" to reset Ghana's moral and political compass. For many others, it was viewed as a tragic miscarriage of justice, an unnecessary shedding of blood that deprived Ghana of experienced leaders.

Years later, Ghana's **National Reconciliation Commission** would officially rule his arrest, trial, and execution as illegal, underscoring what many had long believed: that Robert Kotei was not afforded the fairness and justice that every citizen deserves. For his family, colleagues, and countrymen, the tragedy was not

just the loss of a decorated officer, but the abrupt silencing of a man whose contributions to Ghana were far from complete. His execution symbolized the peril of political instability, where power struggles often claimed the lives of those who had once fought to uphold the integrity of the state.

## **The Horoscope**

Astrology often provides an unexpected but illuminating perspective on the mysteries of life and destiny. Though we do not know Robert Kotei's exact time of birth, and therefore cannot determine his Ascendant and house placements, the planetary configurations on his birth date, 15th July 1935 already speak volumes. One of the most striking features of his horoscope is the **Grand Sextile**, sometimes referred to as the **Star of David**. This rare pattern suggests a soul richly endowed with talent, harmony, and opportunities. It is the signature of a life meant for prominence, indicating natural balance and a destiny that engages both personal gifts and public responsibility. In many traditions, the Grand Sextile symbolizes a soul mission deeply connected to the collective good.

His **Moon trine Uranus, Neptune, and Venus** portrays him as a man of imagination, emotional depth, and inspiration. This alignment suggests someone capable of balancing discipline with vision, and authority with compassion. The trines between Uranus, Neptune, and Venus reinforce creative potential, originality, and a strong sense of idealism traits befitting both an athlete and a soldier with a higher vision for his role. But alongside these blessings, his chart reveals the intensity of conflict and struggle. His **Sun conjunct Pluto in Cancer square Mars** is particularly telling. The Sun-Pluto conjunction marks him as a man of great power and transformative presence, someone destined to make a mark on society. Yet the square to Mars points to a life of military intensity, power

struggles, and ultimately violent confrontation. This configuration speaks not only of military prowess but also of the danger of being consumed by the very forces of aggression and conflict that he mastered in service. There is also the **Sun–Pluto trine to Chiron**, suggesting that his destiny carried themes of wounding and healing. His life and death would leave scars, not only personal but collective, calling the nation to reckon with its relationship to justice, power, and forgiveness.

Saturn played a crucial role in shaping his chart. Sextiling the points of the Grand Trine, Saturn transformed the configuration into a **Kite formation**, which often marks individuals whose lives take on public significance. Such people are rarely allowed to live privately; they become symbols or instruments in the collective unfolding of history. Yet Saturn's opposition to Neptune and Venus also hints at betrayal, disillusionment, and the collapse of cherished ideals. It is as though his chart foreshadowed both the dignity of public duty and the painful cost of sacrifice. Thus, his horoscope portrays a man of immense gifts, destined for visibility and impact, but whose very strength his Sun–Pluto–Mars intensity—became intertwined with the forces that brought about his tragic end.

## **The Lessons**

The life and death of Major General Robert Kotei offer profound lessons for Ghana and beyond. First, his story underscores the **fragility of justice in times of political instability**. The fact that a man of his caliber could be executed without due process reminds us that when the rule of law is suspended, even the most honourable lives can be destroyed. Ghana's later recognition of the illegality of his execution is both a vindication of his memory and a cautionary tale about the dangers of arbitrary power.

Second, his life is a reminder of the **duality of human potential**. His horoscope's Grand Sextile suggested blessings, harmony, and gifts meant for the collective good. Yet the same chart carried intense configurations pointing to conflict and downfall. This duality reminds us that greatness often walks hand in hand with danger, and that power must always be tempered with justice and accountability.

Third, his life calls us to reflect on **forgiveness and healing**. For his family and for Ghana, the scars of 1979 cannot be erased. But healing comes not only in remembering the injustice but in committing to a future where such injustices cannot repeat themselves. His Sun–Pluto–Chiron alignment suggests that his legacy continues to serve as a point of national healing, a reminder that through wounds, deeper truths emerge.

## **The Farewell**

Major General Robert Ebenezer Abossey Kotei lived as a soldier, athlete, and patriot. His life was one of service, discipline, and excellence, and his death a reminder of the costs of political upheaval. Though Ghana failed him in his final hour, history remembers him not as a condemned officer, but as a **gallant son of the nation whose sacrifice calls us to justice, accountability, and healing**. As we reflect on his life and chart the symbols of his destiny, we see a man marked by both blessing and burden, strength and vulnerability. His chart mirrors his story: harmony intertwined with conflict, promise cut short by betrayal.

**And so, we bid him farewell:**

*Goodbye, good and brave soldier. Ghana salutes you and apologises for the injustice done to you. May your family heal with grace and forgiveness. May*

*your memory endure not as one of tragedy alone, but of courage, dignity, and the eternal reminder that justice must never be sacrificed at the altar of power.*

**Rest in peace, Major General Kotei.**