

Corps member killed in crossfire during Abuja robbery

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The Nigerian Army has confirmed the death of a serving National Youth Service Corps member, Abdulsamad Jamiu, during a security operation following a robbery attack in Abuja.

Jamiu was killed in the early hours of April 25, 2026, at Shagari Estate, Dei-Dei, in the Federal Capital Territory.

The Acting Assistant Director, Army Public Relations, Headquarters Guards Brigade, Lt. Olawuyi Odunola, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday.

Odunola said troops of the Guards Brigade Quick Response Group, who were on routine night patrol, responded to a distress call over an armed robbery incident in the area.

“Upon arrival, the troops came under gunfire from the fleeing armed robbers, resulting in a brief but intense exchange.

“In the course of the engagement, Mr Jamiu was caught in the crossfire. Despite efforts by troops to secure the area and preserve lives, he sadly succumbed to his injuries. This heartbreaking loss has cast a deep shadow over all personnel of the Guards Brigade,” he said.

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He added that the situation was initially fluid and volatile as troops worked to repel the attackers and protect residents.

The Army spokesman said the Commander, Guards Brigade, officers and soldiers had extended condolences to the family of the deceased, the NYSC and others affected by the incident.

He noted that a thorough investigation had been launched to determine the exact circumstances surrounding the incident, assuring that findings would be made public.

According to him, the remains of the deceased have been handed over to the appropriate authorities and deposited at Kubwa General Hospital.

Odunola reaffirmed the Guards Brigade's commitment to protecting lives and property within the Federal Capital Territory, adding that operational procedures would be reviewed to enhance civilian safety.

He also urged residents to remain calm and cooperate with security agencies in maintaining peace and security.