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Nigeria: Slain Corps Member's Corpse Taken Home

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Maiduguri — The remains of the corps member killed penultimate Saturday in Delta State were yesterday conveyed to his home state.

22-year-old Hamman Abba Kirawa, a 2010 batch 'C' corps member and graduate of Geology from the University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID) was killed by yet-to-be-identified gunmen at Ole, the headquarters of Isolo South Local Government Area of Delta State where he served.

His father, an assistant registrar at the University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID) who received the corpse, said some officials of the NYSC broke the "devastating news" on Sunday, almost 20 hours after the incident.

He said he spoke to his child few hours before he (Abba) was killed.

Hundreds of people including staff of the UNIMAID, led by the Vice chancellor, Professor Mala Daura, attended the burial at the deceased's family residence at Ruwan Zafi area in Maiduguri.

Mohammed Umar, the NYSC Zonal Inspector at Ughelli in Delta State who accompanied the remains of Abba to Maiduguri, said, "The assailants trailed and shot Abba in the chest and left him in the pool of his blood. From the information we gathered, the deceased had left his colleagues at the corpsers' lodge to collect his Blackberry handset in a nearby pharmacy where he was charging it.

"Because of the curfew in the area following incessant kidnaps, his colleagues could not go out to look for him, it was in the morning that his body was found just few metres away from the corpsers lodge," he said.

Mohammed Yusuf Ibrahim, the Amir of the Muslim Corpers' Association in Borno State, prayed God to grant the soul of the deceased eternal rest, and the family the fortitude to bear the loss.

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