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# Guards Brigade honours slain soldier for act of gallantry

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A modern, air-conditioned 100-seater auditorium was built by 102 Guards Battalion, Suleja, and named after one of its personnel, Guardsman Ogirima Salihu, who died in the line of duty.

The soldier was said to have fallen into an ambush on the night of 13th December 2015, with his platoon while in pursuit of local criminals around Mangoro Village in Niger State. When the platoon was ambushed he was said to have taken position covering his colleagues, from where he engaged the armed criminals, making a way for the rest of the platoon, saving their lives.

Guardsman Salihu, who hailed from Kogi State, was said to have displayed gallantry, which earned him a place of honour in the unit he served. The Commander Guards Brigade, Brigadier General MS Yusuf, who

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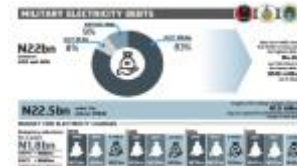
commissioned the complex in honour of the soldier, assured some of the late soldier's relations who were present at the ceremony that their son did not die in vain.

He added that the Nigerian Army recognizes the sacrifices of each and every one of its personnel irrespective of their rank or status and those that made the ultimate sacrifice in service of the nation will always be honoured and remembered.

Guardsman Ogirima Saliu was 22-years-old and joined the Nigerian Army in 2014 as a member of 71 Regular Intake. He is survived by aged parents and was buried on 15 December 2015 at Suleja town.



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