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A cadet at the Nigeria Defence Academy, (NDA), Kaduna, James Didam Bulus, 18, with registration number NDA/11537, has died of alleged brutality from senior cadets, 24 hours after he reported to the institution, Daily Trust has gathered.

This is just as the Public Relations Officer of the Academy, Captain Musa Yahaya explained that the cadet sustained internal injuries from an accident he had before he arrived at the academy on Saturday for training.

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Daily Trust further gathered that a contingent of Nigeria Army buried the late cadet with full military honour yesterday at the Military Cemetery, on Wharf Road, Kaduna.

Brigadier General, MG Kangye, the Cadets Commandant of the school, handed over the Nigeria National Flag, a pair of army boot and army ceremonial cap to the mourning father of the deceased, Mr. Didam Joshua. Relations of the dead cadet were too distraught to speak to our correspondent, but a close family friend, who pleaded for anonymity said James was beaten to death on his "introductory" night.

He said, "He arrived NDA on Saturday, 3rd September, 2016 and on Monday, 5th September; I was told that he was death. I was told that he had died on Sunday after he did not survive what I was told was 'introduction' beatings from his seniors. At the mortuary, you could see stitches on his head and he had bruises on other parts of the body. But NDA spokesman said "When he died, we conducted an autopsy at 44 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital where it was discovered that few days to his death, he sustained internal injuries which caused his death." He noted that the present commandant has withdrawn what is called 'welcome beating' which used to be initiated on fresh cadets in the academy.



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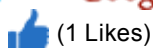
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