

NYSC member shot in Benue



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Gunmen have shot a member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Mr. Ogbu Garuba, serving in Nasarawa State, along with his brother in Benue State. While Garuba sustained gunshot wounds and survived, his brother was not so lucky.

The brother was said to have died. It was learnt that Garuba's friends sustained injuries in the attack. Garuba was said to have been shot on the knee and arm. The state Coordinator of NYSC, Mrs. Zainab Isah, who confirmed the incident yesterday in Lafia, explained that Garuba, a 2017 Batch 'A,' Stream 1, corps member, serving at Nasarawa State University, Keffi (NSUK), was shot by gunmen late December when he visited his family at Utonkon village in Ado Local Government Area, Benue State.

She said: "We visited him and his family early this morning. I can confirm to you that he is recuperating. What happened was unfortunate, but we thank God he is alive, although his younger brother died."

Isah said that the NYSC was not aware of the incident until Garuba started soliciting for support on social media, thereby attracting the attention of the NYSC management.

The management on Tuesday went to Benue State to sympathise with him and his family. She noted that Garuba travelled to Benue State without permission. She added: "Whatever he did, will not take away the fact that his life is far more important. We take the welfare of every corps member seriously.

As I'm talking to you, we have condoled with his family. We have also donated some money to assist in his treatment. I have advised him to compile all receipts given to him for his treatment so that when he gets well, he can apply for a refund." Isah expressed gratitude to the NYSC Director General, Brigadier General Sule Kazaure, whom, according to her, mandated that all necessary assistance should be given to Garuba.

She said: "The NYSC DG is very concerned and has instructed that everything should be done for the boy. The good news is that he is recuperating fast. He was happy with the kind gesture of the NYSC."