

Notorious bandit commander Kachalla Yellow killed in Zamfara

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Hunters and members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (JTF) have neutralised a notorious bandit kingpin, popularly known as Kachalla Sani Yellow, in Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Yellow was killed after a fierce gun battle as the hunters and JTF members repelled a bandit attack in the area.

He was regarded as one of the most influential bandit commanders terrorising Anka, Bukkuyum, Maru and the

surrounding areas of Zamfara State.

Sources said Kachalla Sani Yellow was among the bandit leaders responsible for coordinating attacks on communities across the North-West.

When contacted, the Zamfara State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Yazid Abubakar, confirmed the killing of Kachalla Sani Yellow.

Following his death, images of the slain bandit commander circulated widely on social media, with some people seen mutilating his corpse.

Gurusu-Anka road blocked, driver killed

Hours after Yellow's killing, bandits blocked the Gurusu-Anka road and attacked commuters early on Sunday.

The gunmen reportedly mounted a roadblock at a spot known as Gadar Many, where they opened fire on a trailer driver, killing him before setting the truck ablaze.

A resident, who requested anonymity, identified the victim as Abubakar NDA, a driver working for a petroleum dealer in the state.

"Abubakar NDA was one of Alhaji Siddi Daki Takwas'

drivers. They killed him and set the truck on fire," the resident said.

According to him, attacks along the Gurusu-Anka road have become frequent, but Sunday's incident may have been a reprisal for the recent successes recorded by troops and hunters against bandits in the area.

He added that although the Gurusu-Anka road is less than 25 kilometres long, it has become one of the most dangerous routes linking Anka, Bukkuyum and Gummi local government areas.

"The journey is less than 25 kilometres, but bandits attack travellers regularly. No one feels

safe until they leave that corridor. The latest attack may have been in retaliation for the recent operations against them," he said.

The late Sani Yellow was widely regarded as one of the most notorious bandit commanders operating in the Gandu and Bagega forests, covering Anka, Bukkuyum, Maru and parts of Gummi Local Government Areas of Zamfara State.

He was accused of masterminding coordinated attacks on rural communities, including killings, kidnappings for ransom, cattle rustling, attacks on mining communities and highway ambushes.