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Troops kill Benue's 'second most wanted militia kingpin'

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Troops of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) have killed one Terugwa Igbagwa, identified as the second most wanted militia kingpin in Benue state.

The deceased, popularly known as Orjundu, was allegedly responsible for atrocities in three Local Government Areas in Sankera axis of the state.

The most wanted militia kingpin in the state is believed to be Terwase Akwaza, popularly known as Gana.

Coordinator of Defence Media Operations, Defence Headquarters, Major General John Eneche, in a statement on Friday, indicated that the Military High Command has already congratulated OPWS for their exploits in recent times.

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“In a special commando operation, a combined team of Operation Whirl Stroke Tracking Team and Special Forces troops of Sector 2 deployed in Zaki Biam carried out a raid operation on a criminal hideout off Zaki Biam and Katsina-Ala highway.

“The operation led to the neutralization of Terugwa Igbagwa alias Orjundu.

“It would be recalled that Orjundu is the second most wanted criminal kingpin next to Gana in Benue State.

“He was responsible for kidnapping, armed robbery, assassination, gun running and other criminal activities around Katsina-Ala, Ukum and Logo LGA's for many years,” the statement read in part.

Enenche listed items recovered from the deceased to include one AK 47 rifle, one locally made rifle, one AK 47 magazine with 30 rounds of 7.62mm special and some charms.

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