

# NAF kills bandits' kingpin, Kachalla, 38 others

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Troops of the Nigerian Air Force have killed a notorious bandits' kingpin identified as Kachalla Halilu Sububu during a coordinated joint operation in Zamfara State.

Confirming Kachalla's killing yesterday, authorities of the Nigerian Air Force, disclosed that over 38 other terrorists were neutralised alongside their leader during the operation that was jointly carried out.

The acting spokesman of NAF, Kabiru Ali, explained that Kachalla was neutralised via airstrikes by the air troops attached to NAF Special Forces of Operation Hadarin Daji following

intelligence from the Department of State Services (DSS).

Ali, a Group Captain, said, "In a decisive joint operation led by three personnel of the NAF Special Forces, a notorious bandit Halilu Sububu and over 38 terrorists were neutralised during an engagement near Mayanchi on 12 September 2024.

"The operation was part of an ongoing effort by NAF and ground forces to exploit intelligence and secure the area following contact with hostile elements.

"NAF Special Forces of Operation HADARIN DAJI in company of other ground troops initiated a follow-up exploitation mission after troops encountered terrorists in the vicinity of Mayanchi.

"During the mission, it was confirmed that 38 terrorists had been neutralised, with 4 bodies retrieved for verification."

The senior military officer further disclosed that a significant cache of weapons was recovered.

According to him, those weapons recovered included 2 Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) tubes, 1 RPG bomb, 3 PKT machine guns, 5 AK-47 rifles, 29 magazines and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition of varying calibres.

He added, "This operation underscores the effectiveness and professionalism of the NAF Special Forces in leading critical missions in conjunction with other services aimed at neutralizing threats and maintaining national security."