

Ringleader dies as bandits row over rustled cows in Kaduna

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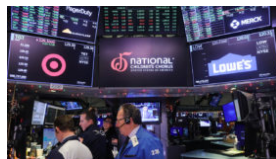
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A wanted ringleader, identified as Nasiru Kachalla, has died in an armed groups fought over rustled cows in Kaduna.

In a statement yesterday, the state government confirmed the fact of his death.

Issued by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, the release explained that “Kachalla, who had been on the run for several criminal acts, including kidnappings, killings, cattle rustling, was killed in a clash between his gang and a rival group of bandits.”

Aruwan said human intelligence networks also “confirmed that casualties were also killed, including some of Kachalla’s lieutenants.”

He added: “The clash occurred in a forest around the boundaries of government areas of Kaduna Central Senatorial District. A dispute over rustled cattle is said to have triggered the fatal confrontation.

“Kachalla and his gang were involved in several crimes, including kidnappings and banditry on the Kaduna-Abuja road and also in the Chikun/Chikun/Chikun. He was the mastermind of the January 9, 2020 kidnapping of several teachers of Shepherd Major Seminary, Kaduna, and the January 24, 2020 kidnapping of Ataga and her two children. The criminals later killed one of the children, Nnadi, and Mrs. Ataga before releasing her children.

“Kachalla’s criminal gang was also responsible for the kidnapping of several teachers of Engravers College, in Kakau village of Chikun local government area on October 3, 2019.”

The commissioner also confirmed the arrest of three members of the bandits: Usman, Shehu Bello, and Mustapha Mohammed.

He equally affirmed that “troops repelled an attempted attack by bandits on the Galadimawa-Zaria road in Giwa local government area.”

Aruwan further said: “The bandits blocked the road for some minutes sporadically at motorists. A combined team of the 4 Battalion and 1 Regiment of the Nigerian army mobilised to the location. The road was cleared and normalcy was restored, with no kidnapping or harm to motorists.

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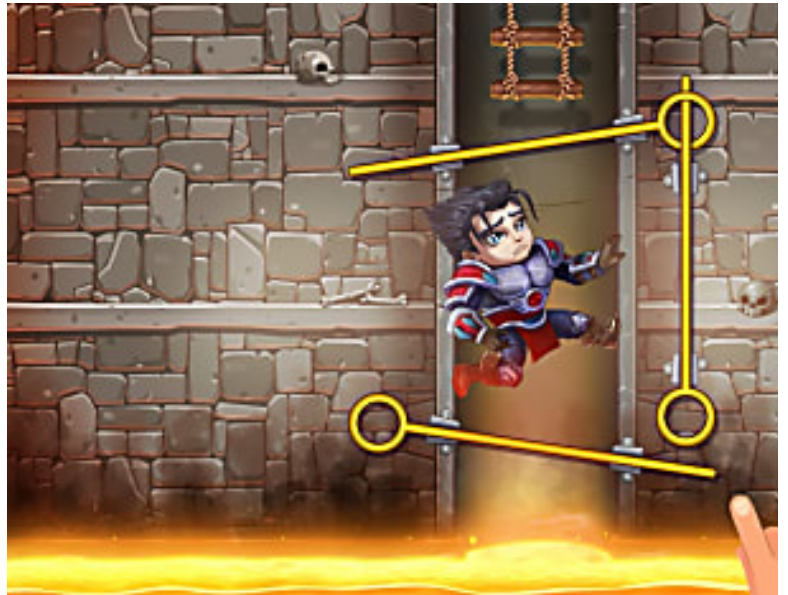
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