

Terrorists' kingpin Kachalla feared killed



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There are strong indications that a notorious terrorists' leader, Ali Kawaje alias Ali Kachalla, has been killed by the military.

Kachala was killed on Sunday during air strikes by the [Nigerian Air Force \(NAF\)](#), near Mangoro in Munya Local Government of Niger State, according to a military source.

The source told The Nation yesterday that NAF aircraft under Operation Whirl Punch bombarded the terrorists after they had attacked a detachment of security operatives deployed in Mangoro community in Munya Local Government.

The source said: "Overhead the location, Kachalla and his foot soldiers were sighted withdrawing from the operatives' location on 11 motorcycles, but unknown to them, they were being trailed to their hideout near Kopa Hills where they took cover under a thick tree covering.

"It was at that point that the air strikes were authorised, which were decisive and swift, thereby ensuring effective and maximum damage to the terrorists."

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Sources in Munya, who craved anonymity due to the security implication of this report, said several of the terrorists including the terrorists' kingpin, Ali Kachalla, were eliminated as a result of the strike.

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“The news of Kachalla’s death has already led to jubilation in Mangoro and surroundings with many indigenes praying for the same outcome on Dogo Gidei, whose notorious activities have continued to inflict unimaginable injuries on their well-being and livelihoods,” a source said.

Contacted, NAF spokesperson, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, refused to comment on the development.

He said he was yet to receive any brief on the air strike.

The strike occurs barely 24 hours after the NAF confirmed the elimination of another deadly terrorist kingpin, Yellow Jambros.