

Security operatives kill suspected drug kingpin killed in Kogi

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A suspected drug kingpin, Sumaila Ata, has been killed in Ajaka in Igalamela/Odolu local government area of Kogi State.

He was killed on Friday by security agencies after a gun battle.

The Transition Chairman of Igalamela/Odolu Local Government Area of the state, Mr Cosmas Atabor, while confirming the report to newsmen on Saturday, said he was in Ajaka in the local government area.

According to him "this

incident casts a shadow over our community's reputation. Let us pray for the soul of the deceased and for positive change among our youth. Amen.

"What truly stands out is that Sumaila Ata had been a target of security agencies, repeatedly evading capture until his demise. On April 19, 2024, the agencies received credible intelligence that he had received a large shipment of illegal drugs for distribution to unsuspecting youths. Swift action was taken to prevent further

harm to our community.

"When security agents tracked him down, members of his gang tried to obstruct his arrest, while he attempted to escape on a red motorcycle. During the pursuit, he brandished a weapon, leading to his fatal shooting by the agents. (Attached are images of his motorcycle, weapons, and related evidence.)

"While regrettable, this incident underscores the crucial work of our security agencies in combating crime for the well-being of our people."