

Troops kill Benue militia leader

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Troops of Operation Whirl Stroke, coordinated by the Defence Headquarters, Abuja, have shot dead a wanted militia leader, Terugwa Igbagwa, alias Orjondu, along the Zaki Biam and Katsina-Ala Expressway in Benue State.

According to the DHQ on Friday, Igbagwa was killed in a special operation led by the combined team deployed in Zaki Biam.

The military noted that the leader was the second most wanted criminal kingpin, next to one Gana, in Benue State, who was killed earlier in the year.

The Defence Media Operations said in a statement that Igbagwa and his gang were responsible for kidnapping, armed robbery, assassination, gun running and other criminal activities around Katsina-Ala, Ukum and Logo local government areas for many years.

The DMO Coordinator, Maj Gen John Enenche, said, "In a special commando operation, Operation Whirl Stroke Tracking Team and special forces carried out a raid on a criminal hideout off Zaki Biam and Katsina-Ala highway. The operation led to the neutralisation of Terugwa Igbagwa alias Orjondu."