

Residents rejoice as security agents kill Lakurawa kingpin

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Residents of Kuncin Baba, Arewa Local Government Area of Kebbi State have rejoiced over the killing of a notorious Lakurawa kingpin known as Maigemu.

Maigemu was killed in an operation by a combined team of security forces and vigilantes in the state on Thursday.

The Director of Security at the Cabinet Office in Birnin Kebbi, AbdulRahman Zagga, in a statement made available to newsmen on Friday, confirmed that Maigemu was shot dead on Thursday in Kuncin after an intense gun battle.

“He was taken down by a combined team of security agents and local vigilantes while working on intelligence,” he said.

Zagga added that the operation came a week after Kebbi State Governor, Dr. Nasir Idris, visited Bagiza and Rausa Kade communities to commiserate with residents following the killing of six people by suspected Lakurawa cattle rustlers.

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He commended the governor's unwavering commitment to security and the continuous logistical support provided to security agencies. He also urged residents to remain vigilant, cooperate with security forces, and report any suspicious activities to help restore peace.

Confirming the development, the spokesman of the Nigerian Police Force, Kebbi State Command, Nafiu Abubakar, said the killing was a result of synergy between the police and other security agents in the state.

He disclosed that two guns and one handset were recovered from the terrorist.

Also speaking, the Chief Press Secretary to the state governor, Ahmed Idris, said the killing was part of efforts of the governor to ensure improved security in the state.

Meanwhile, a resident of the state who declined to mention his name described the killing as a welcome development for the residents of the state.