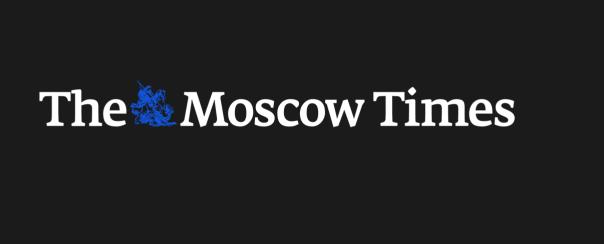


Kabardino-Balkaria Terrorist Leader Killed in Police Operation

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Terrorist leader Alim Zankishiyev was killed by security forces in the North Caucasus republic of Kabardino-Balkaria during a special counterterrorism operation in Nalchik, the National Anti-terrorism Committee said Tuesday, Interfax reported.

Zankishiyev, who went by the nickname "Ubaida," | was called by the committee one of the "odious leaders of the underground operating in the North Caucasus."

The operation took place in a home in Nalchik, the republic's capital, early Tuesday morning. After Zankishiyev refused to surrender, security forces stormed the building.

The anti-terror committee said Zankishiyev has led the terrorist underground in Kabardino-Balkaria since last year, over a period during which more than 30 terror attacks have taken place in the republic, including murders of security service members and soldiers. Zankishiyev had been wanted by authorities since 2006.

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