

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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