

NAF kills several terrorists, disrupts planned attack in Niger

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) said it killed several terrorists and disrupted a planned attack in Niger State during a series of intelligence-led operations.

The NAF spokesperson, Air Commodore Ehimen Ejodame, disclosed this in a statement on Monday in Abuja.

Ejodame said the strikes were carried out by the Air Component of Operation Fansas Yamma Sector 1 between May 20 and May 23, across Rafi and Mariga local government areas.

“On May 20, following credible intelligence on the movement and convergence of terrorists around Tungan Bako and Kasuwan Daji in Rafi LGA, the Air Component, in conjunction with the Nigerian Army Space Command Regiment, executed precision air interdiction strikes.

“The operation neutralised several terrorists and disrupted their operational build-up,” the statement read.

It said that on May 21, the Air Component identified and engaged terrorists moving on

motorcycles and on foot with rustled cattle from Tungunguna toward Uregi.

“The strikes neutralised the fighters and destroyed their movement and withdrawal capability.

“Later that day, the Air Component provided close air support to ground troops engaged with terrorists at Tungan Makeri.

“The intervention successfully repelled the attackers and restored operational advantage to friendly forces.”