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NAF airstrikes kill terrorists, destroy hideout in Northwest



The **Nigerian Air Force (NAF)** has neutralised several terrorists and destroyed their hideouts in a series of coordinated airstrikes across the Northwest.

NAF spokesperson, Air Commodore Ehimen Ejodame, disclosed this in a statement on Saturday, noting that the operations were conducted on June 18 and 19.

According to him, the strikes were carried out based on credible intelligence, with NAF aircraft targeting a confirmed terrorist stronghold within the Joint Operations Area, disrupting the activities of criminal elements and degrading their operational capability.

Ejodame said: "In a separate intelligence-led mission around Kidandan, NAF aircraft successfully neutralised terrorists after positively identifying their movement within the area."

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"Follow-up reconnaissance over Fatika and Sabuwa confirmed the absence of further terrorist activity, while sustained aerial surveillance continued in support of friendly ground forces and ongoing operations across the theatre."

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He noted that the Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), Air Marshal Sunday Aneke, has consistently emphasised that “decisive air power delivers its greatest effect when seamlessly integrated with surface operations.”

According to Ejodame, the operations underscore the NAF’s unwavering resolve to deny criminal elements freedom of action and reinforce security across the theatre.

He added that the Nigerian Air Force would continue to deploy intelligence-driven air power in close coordination with ground forces to decisively neutralise terrorists, protect innocent lives, and restore lasting peace across the country.

“The NAF remains resolute in sustaining the operational momentum until terrorist and bandit networks are decisively dismantled,” he said.