

NAF airstrikes kill several terrorists in Sambisa forest

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Nigerian Air Force (NAF) says the Air Component of Operation HADIN KAI, has executed precision airstrikes within the Yuwe axis of the Sambisa Forest, killing several terrorists on Monday.

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