

From left, Deputy Governor of Oyo State, Mr Bayo Lawal; Secretary to the State Government, Professor Musibau Babatunde and Brigadier-General Isaac Falana, during a visit to Ojoo over the crisis in the area. PHOTO: Oyo Gov's Media Unit.

Troops crush 300-bandit-motorcycle convoy, kill notorious commander in Katsina, Zamfara

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THE Air Component of Operation Fansan Yamma (OPFY) has crushed a 300-motorcycle bandit convoy on a mission to attack innocent civilians in some communities in Katsina State.

According to the Media Information Officer of Operation Fansan Yamma, Lieutenant-Colonel Aliyu Danja, the Air Component intercepted the large group

of terrorists moving from the Sunke – Kumbo axis towards Bayazaki riverine area to Gummi and deployed the terrorists' axis of advance. He said in a statement in Abuja that dozens of the bandits were quickly neutralised.

He explained that on sighting the air assets, the terrorists attempted to flee for cover under trees, but were engaged and dozens neutralised with precision airstrikes, thwarting their plan.

Danja added that troops of Sector two on a fighting patrol engaged terrorists along the Danmusa-Yantumaki axis in Danmusa Local Government Area, overwhelmed and forced them to abandon their position and fled.

He also said in Zamfara State, troops responded to an attack on farmers around Dogon Kade and neutralised a notorious terrorist commander, Alhaji Tukur, a younger brother of a terrorist kingpin, Alhaji Shehu

Bagiwaye, while several other terrorists sustained gunshot wounds and fled the area.

Similarly, he stated that troops responded to another impending terrorist attack on communities in Kaura Namoda Local Government Area, adding that in collaboration with local security volunteers, they engaged the terrorists in a fierce gun battle, repelled and forced the attackers to retreat with several casualties.