

Airstrikes Kill Several Terrorists, Disrupt Bandit's Movements In Niger, Kaduna



New Telegraph

July 1, 2026

2 minute read



The Nigerian Army said troops of the Joint Task Force North West, Operation Fansan Yamma, have neutralised several terrorists and disrupted attempted bandit movements during intelligence-led air operations in parts of Niger and Kaduna states.

In a statement yesterday, the Army said the operations, carried out by the Air Component on June 29, dealt a major blow to terrorists and armed bandits by targeting their movements within the Joint Operations Area.

According to the statement, the operation in the Dogon Dawa axis of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State followed credible intelligence, corroborated by human intelligence sources, indicating the convergence of more than 200 suspected terrorists on motorcycles.

The Army said aerial surveillance confirmed the presence of armed terrorists moving in groups before a large concentration of motorcycles was identified at a suspected refuelling point.

It said: "Acting on credible intelligence, corroborated by human intelligence sources, indicating the convergence of over 200 suspected terrorists on motorcycles in the Dogon Dawa axis of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, the air component executed a precision airstrike against the terrorists."

According to the statement, "Battle Damage Assessment confirmed that several terrorists were neutralised, while others were observed fleeing with injuries towards the Kurugin Maidawa axis."

The Army said the successful strike significantly disrupted the terrorists' activities, degraded their operational capability and denied them the freedom to regroup for further attacks.

The statement added that in a separate Armed Reconnaissance mission in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State, the air component acted on intelligence that armed bandits were mobilising to launch reprisal against troops following recent clearance operations in the Womba general area.