

# Insecurity: NAF strikes kill terrorists, bandits in Borno, Kwara, Katsina, others



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**ABUJA — The Nigerian Air Force, NAF, has upped its counter-terrorism and counter-banditry operations nationwide with a series of precision airstrikes that neutralised scores of Islamic State of West Africa Province, ISWAP, terrorists at Mallam Fatori and Shuwaram areas of Borno State.**

**This came as operatives of the FCT Police Anti-Kidnapping Unit in a joint operation with personnel of the Department of State Services, DSS, local hunters and vigilante groups, embarked on special church patrol within forests and border communities linking Bwari in Kaduna State, Bwari in Niger State, and Gwagwalada, also in Niger State.**

**This is even as bandits reportedly kidnapped at least four nursing mothers at Yan Kwada village, Faruruwa community in Shanono Local Government Area of Kano State yesterday.**

**Also, Governor Abdullahi Sule of Nasarawa State has ordered a manhunt for the gunmen who carried out a midnight attack on residents of Sarkin Noma community in Keana Local Government Area, assuring that the perpetrators will be brought to justice without delay, while his Kebbi State counterpart, Dr Nasir Idris, also yesterday, boasted said that there was no inch of territory under the occupation of armed bandits in his state.**

**Similarly, a deadly clash among the factions of Boko Haram, the Jam'at Ahl as-Sunna lid-Da'wa wa'l-Jihd, JAS, and the Islamic State of West Africa Province, ISWAP, has resulted in the death of more than 100 victims at Toumbun Gini, an island community in Abadam Local Government Area of Borno State.**

**However, the NAF precision strikes also destroyed bandit enclaves in Garin Dandi and Chigogo, Kwara State, as well as Zango Hill in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State.**

**Director of Public Relations and Information, NAF, Air Commodore Ehimen Ejodame, who disclosed these yesterday, said: "The coordinated missions, executed on November 9, 2025, represent a decisive phase in ongoing joint operations under Operation Hadin Kai and Operation Fasan Yamma, aimed at degrading terrorist and criminal networks across Nigeria's northern theatres.**

**"In Borno State, NAF air interdiction missions dealt a heavy blow to ISWAP terrorists entrenched in the Northern Tumbuns.**

**"Guided by real-time Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, ISR, feeds, air assets conducted precision strikes south-east of Shuwaram before shifting to Mallam Fatori, where ISWAP elements were observed mobilising with motorcycles and boats along the Lake Chad Basin.**

**"The strikes destroyed insurgent hideouts, logistics hubs, and weapons storage facilities, eliminating several terrorists and crippling their mobility capabilities.**

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“Post-strike assessments confirmed multiple neutralisations and a significant degradation of ISWAP’s operational networks in the area. Simultaneously, NAF aircraft carried out precision air interdiction missions over Garin Dandi and Chigogo in Kwara State, striking bandit camps with devastating accuracy based on credible intelligence.

“The attacks caused panic and inflicted heavy losses among the criminals. In a related operation, air assets under Operation Fasan Yamma struck Zango Hill in Kankara LGA, Katsina State, the hideout of a terrorist kingpin and his fighters.

“Guided by actionable intelligence and ISR surveillance, multiple attack passes were executed, destroying key logistics hubs and neutralising several of the terrorists in one of the most decisive strikes in the region.

“Demonstrating sustained reach and precision, the air component of Operation Fasan Yamma (Sector 1) conducted armed reconnaissance mission across the North-West corridor, covering key settlements in Zamfara, Kebbi, and Kaduna states, including Kakihum, Dankolo, Kotonkoro, and Kuyello.

“These locations serve as known routes and hideouts for armed groups along the Birnin Gwari–Funtua axis.

“During the mission, coordination with Forward Operating Bases at Dankolo and Kotonkoro revealed suspicious movement near Wam Hill, where terrorists on motorcycles were spotted attempting to flee.

“The air crew swiftly engaged and neutralised the targets, with no further hostile activity observed. The success of these precision operations across Borno, Kwara, Katsina, and the wider north western corridor underscores the Nigerian Air Force’s renewed tempo, following the directives of the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sunday Kelvin Aneke.

“Each mission reaffirms NAF’s resolve to project smarter and intelligence-driven airpower to project purposeful lethality against insurgents and criminals while protecting the lives and properties of citizens towards enhancing national security.”

