

Banditry: Air force kills 20 bandits in Zamfara forest

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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday said its Air Task Force (ATF) for Operation Diran Mikiya has destroyed the camp of a bandit's kingpin one Alhaji Lawal, neutralizing up to twenty of his fighters near Rugu Forest in Zamfara State.

The spokesman of the Air Force, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola in a statement said this was accomplished in a dawn attack on 26 April, after credible intelligence indicated that the kingpin was camped, along with dozens of his fighters at a settlement about four kilometres west of Rugu Forest.

Daramola said Lawal also keeps his logistics supplies, coordinates operations and launches attacks against security forces and civilians from the camp.

He said following detailed confirmatory Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions, the ATF dispatched one Alpha Jet and an attack helicopter to strike the camp.

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