

Troops kill 30 bandits in Zamfara

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The Air Component of Operation HADARIN DAJI on Tuesday killed about 30 bandits during an air strike attack and destroyed their logistics store in the Doumborou Forest area of Zamfara State.

According to a statement signed by Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Major General John Enenche, the operation was executed based on credible human intelligence reports which indicated that a thatched structure within the forest was being used by the bandits to store their logistics items.

He said that the Intelligence,

Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft on patrol spotted some of the armed bandits on motorcycles who were tracked to the storehouse where they lodged some items.

According to him, the Air Component dispatched an attack helicopter to engage the location, hence with accurate hits; they successfully destroyed the store which was seen engulfed in flames.

Enenche noted that the attack helicopter subsequently trailed the armed bandits who fled the location and mopped them up in follow-on attacks hence, "neutralizing no fewer than 30 of them as later confirmed by human intelligence sources."