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Several killed as jets bombard bandits' camp in Zamfara

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The Nigerian military yesterday said the Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji had decimated another armed bandits' camp in the Doumborou Forest area of Zamfara State.

Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Major-General John Enenche, in a statement, said the air strike, which was executed on September 13 as part of a new subsidiary Operation, tagged Wutan Daji 2, also resulted in the killing of several armed bandits belonging to the gang led by the so-called 'Dangote'.

He said the target was designated for attack after Human Intelligence reports as well as series of confirmatory aerial

surveillance missions indicated that 'Dangote' and some of his members, along with their logistics items and rustled livestock, had established a new camp at the southern edge of the forest.

He added that the Air Component dispatched an enhanced force package of Nigerian Air Force fighter jets and helicopter gunships to attack the location.

He said the attack aircraft engaged the target area scoring accurate hits and taking out several of the bandits, while some of their structures were seen engulfed in flames.

Enenche said HUMINT sources later revealed that several of 'Dangote's' followers were neutralized in the air strike.