

# Airstrikes kill 30 kidnappers in Birnin Gwari – Military

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**T**he air component of the special joint military Task Force attached to "Operation Whirl Punch" has eliminated no fewer than 30 marauding terrorists and kidnappers disturbing the peace of Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The spokesman for the Nigerian Air Force (NAF), Edward Gabkwet, who disclosed this in Abuja on Monday, said the intel also revealed that the same syndicate was responsible for the ambush on troops at Kwanan Mutuwa on January 27, as well as several attacks and abductions of innocent civilians in Birnin Gwari.

He said the terrorists were

bombed in the air strike along the Kwiga-Kampanin Doka axis in the Birnin Gwari area of the state, following intelligence received on their movement along the axis for possible attacks on innocent citizens.

Gabkwet, an Air Vice Marshal, noted that a deliberate and detailed scan revealed a trail of terrorists moving in a convoy of about 15 motorcycles, each with at least two armed terrorists.

"The terrorists were trailed to a location where they converged before they were engaged and neutralised in a precision strike. The aftermath of the air strike revealed that several of them were eliminated as a result of the strike," he said.