

NAF kills 29 bandits, frees kidnap victims in Katsina

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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) said it has neutralised about 29 bandits and freed multiple kidnap victims, including the daughter of the Ruwan Godiya village head.

Daily Trust learnt the breakthrough was recorded in an airstrike conducted in the vicinity of Bakori Hills and Yartsintsiya, Kankara Local Government Area (LGA) of Katsina State.

The Chief Press Secretary to the Governor of Katsina State, Ibrahim Kaula Mohammed, said, "The airstrike resulted in the

confirmed deaths of 8 bandits by gunshot wounds and 21 by bomb fragments."

The operation, which was carried out in response to a recent attack on Kankara LGA on Sunday, 9 June 2024, also disrupted criminal activities in the area.

Mohammed said the NAF continued to collaborate with ground forces and intelligence agencies to identify and neutralise criminal elements in the region.

The terrorists had carried out deadly attacks on different villages in the Kankara LGA which led to the deaths of four police officers and 22 farmers on Sunday.

Terrorism: Military has abandoned my LG for 10yrs - Borno speaker

Meanwhile, the Speaker of Borno State House of Assembly, Abdulkarim Lawan, has alleged that the Nigerian military has abandoned the Guzamala Local Government Area of the state for 10 years due to terrorism.

Speaking at an event in Maiduguri to mark the 25th year of unbroken democracy in Nigeria, Lawan said he was alarmed there was no single civilian in Guzamala where he hails from and Abadam LGA.

"In Borno State, the

administration of Babagana Zulum has done well in terms of road construction, healthcare services, education and resettlement of displaced persons across the state, but unfortunately Guzamala and Abadam councils have zero projects due to its inaccessibility.

"The Nigerian military abandoned the people of Guzamala LGA. Because Guzamala was abandoned for 10 years up till today, there is no single civilian there. We appeal to the security agencies and the federal government to please deploy security to Guzamala LGA. Our people have continued staying in the camp for 10 years," he said.

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