

Lakurawas: NAF Airstrikes Kill Terrorists In Zamfara, Kebbi Forests



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Scores of terrorists hibernating in some forests located on the border communities of Kebbi and Zamfara states have been neutralised by airstrikes rained by the troops attached to the air component of Operation Hadarin Daji.

The terrorists, it was learnt, some of whom are members of the newly formed terrorists' group – Lakurawas were killed at a location called Sangeko in Zamfara, near the Kebbi border where they were planning to launch fresh attacks on innocent citizens.

Daily Trust gathered that some of the terrorists, who belong to the camp of a terrorist kingpin, Ado Aleiro were also neutralised while strongholds belonging to different notorious bandit warlords were destroyed.

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Commenting on the development on Sunday, NAF spokesman, Olusola Akinboyewa, explained that the airstrikes were rained on the terrorists' hideouts following confirmed intelligence regarding increased terrorists' activities in those areas.

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Akinboyewa, an Air Commodore of the force, also disclosed that Ado Aleiro's heavily fortified enclave around the Asola Hill in Tsafe Local Government Area were also bombed with the airstrikes on Friday.

The senior military officer explained, "The first wave of strikes was launched following confirmed intelligence regarding increased terrorist activities in the areas.

"On November 8, 2024, using advanced surveillance and precision targeting, NAF assets executed a surprise aerial assault on multiple camps, including the strategic Sangeko location in Zamfara, near the Kebbi border, and Ado Aleiro's heavily fortified enclave around Asola Hill in Tsafe Local Government Area.

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"The strikes not only obliterated a major arms depot belonging to the infamous bandit leader, Ado Aleiro, but also neutralised many of his fighters. The precision bombardment sent shockwaves through the criminal networks, severely weakening their operational capabilities."

Speaking further, Akinboyewa revealed that several kidnapped victims who had been held by bandits in their enclaves escaped during the operations.

"Intelligence reports and battle damage assessments confirmed the overwhelming impact of the strikes, which continued throughout the night.

“Several kidnapped victims, previously held captive by the bandits, managed to escape amidst the chaos, making their way to safety in Kebbi State.

“Some of the victims who escaped provided testimonies detailing their daring flight to freedom. The air campaign has not only struck fear into the hearts of the bandits but has also provided a sense of hope and assurance for residents who have long suffered under the threat of banditry.

“These operations highlight the NAF’s increasing agility and resilience, reaffirming the Armed Forces of Nigeria’s relentless dedication to restoring peace and security across the nation. Further updates on Operation Farautar Mujiya will be provided in the coming days.”