

# NAF air strikes hit Mandara mountains, eliminate terrorist's kingpin, Abu Asad, others

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*Nigerian fighter jet*

In what could be described as arguably one of the most successful strikes undertaken by the air component of Operation Hadin Kai, Nigerian Air Force (NAF) aircraft, on November 24, 2023, carried out air strikes on a massing of terrorists in an isolated location consisting of 3 zinced structures amid several trees in Mandara Mountains.

According to Airforce spokesman, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, from the footage, it was evident that the terrorists were massing up at the location for either a well-planned meeting or preparing for a major attack.

“Over 100 heavily armed terrorists were observed throwing banter and moving randomly around the structures which also had four troop carriers. The aftermath of the air strike revealed that two out of the three structures, as well as the entire troop carriers were destroyed.

“There are also indications that Abu Asad, a key figure in the Ali Ngulde group under Boko Haram, as well as other terrorists like Ibrahim Nakeeb, Mujaheed Dimtu, Mustafa Munzir and several fighters, were among the several terrorists eliminated in the air strikes.”

Gabkwet said that the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Hasan Abubakar, commended the air component commander and his men, urging them to continue to synergise with the land component as they maintain the momentum in keeping the terrorists on their toes.

According to him, “we must continue to justify the trust and confidence the Federal Government and our people have bestowed on us by ensuring that we go all out in making life unbearable for these terrorists and criminals until they surrender or are completely eliminated.”