

NAF hits terrorist hideouts, neutralises several in N'East

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THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has executed airstrikes to sustain its counterterrorism operations tempo in the North-East.

Its aircraft was said to have delivered coordinated strikes on terrorist strongholds at Warawara, near Wajiroko, and Chinene in the Mandara Mountains of Borno State, dealing a severe blow to insurgent activities.

NAF's deputy spokesman, Group Captain Kabiru Ali, who made the disclosure, hinted that their air troops, guided by painstaking Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions, identified several terrorists stockpiling logistics and planting Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) around Wajiroko.

He said surveillance later tracked their movement to

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a concealed location housing a gun truck, ammunition stockpiles, and fuel reserves.

Ali continued: "In response, the Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) executed multiple waves of air interdiction (AI) missions. The first wave struck the terrorists' logistics hub, destroying gun trucks and critical supplies. The other followed with sustained rocket and cannon attacks, ensuring the complete annihilation of terrorists' assets."

"Later that day, NAF aircraft targeted another terrorist enclave at Chinene in the Mandara Mountains. Intelligence reports indicated that insurgents had relocated there following a previous air raid on Degbewa on March 16, 2025."

"Overhead reconnaissance confirmed the presence of active structures, prompting the execution of strikes that set terrorist hideouts ablaze. Fleeing insurgents were subsequently engaged and neutralised, further

crippling their operational capacity."

BUT the Nigerian Army has dismissed a widely circulated video depicting a violent shooting incident in Northern Nigeria, confirming instead that the footage shows an attack in neighbouring Burkina Faso.

The military authorities revealed in a statement that the video, shared widely on social media with claims of a Nigerian security breach, actually documents a terrorist attack in Pama, Burk-

ina Faso, between January 29 and 30 this year.

The assault was reportedly carried out by Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), an Al-Qaeda-linked militant group active in the Sahel region. The attack targeted Burkinabè security forces, not Nigerian troops or civilians, the military added.

The Army, in a statement, urged Nigerians to exercise caution when sharing unverified security-related content, warning that "false narratives undermine national stability."

