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# Troops Neutralize Scores Of Bandits In Niger

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**Abuja** – Troops of the Nigerian military have neutralized scores of armed bandits at Maguga in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State.

An operation update released in Abuja, on Tuesday, by Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Media Operations (CDMO), disclosed that the mission was executed by the Air Component of Operation GAMA AIKI operating in the state.

General Enenche, said that the operation, which was conducted in support of Operation THUNDER STRIKE, was executed on April 19, 2020, sequel to reports that some armed bandits, clad in black attire, had been sighted along with a large herd of rustled cattle in the area.

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“Accordingly, the Air Component scrambled its aircraft to attack the location. Upon sighting the approaching attack aircraft, the armed bandits scampered to conceal themselves under nearby shrubs but were engaged with cannon fire which led to the neutralization of several of them”, the CDMO said.

He conveyed the gratefulness of the Armed Forces of Nigeria to all Nigerians for their support, encouraging the public to continue providing useful information that would facilitate its operation to restore peace and security to all affected parts of the Country.

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