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Military Kills Scores Of Armed Bandits, Destroys 10 Camps In Katsina

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Maj.-Gen. John Enenche

ABUJA – The military, on Wednesday, said its troops in a newly launched operation WUTAN DAJI, have killed scores of armed bandits and destroyed 10 of their camps in Katsina State.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of Defence Media Operations (CDMO), disclosed this in an operation update released to the media in Abuja.

General Enenche said the new subsidiary operation was launched by the Air Component of Operation HADARIN DAJI, as part of efforts to rid the North West and North Central States of the country of armed bandits and other criminal elements,

He said that the operation, which was preceded by the massive deployment of additional air assets and ground support equipment by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) to Katsina, was aimed at taking out armed bandits' locations that were painstakingly selected, based on impeccable Human Intelligence (HUMINT) reports, as well as series of Surveillance missions, in order to significantly degrade the armed bandits' fighting capability before it could be brought to bear against friendly forces or innocent civilians.

"Since the operation began on 20 June 2020, 10 locations have been attacked and scores of armed bandits neutralized, as confirmed by HUMINT reports.

"Some of the significant air strikes include those executed at Dutsen Asolo and Birnin Kogo areas of Katsina State as well as at Dogo Gede's Camp in the Kwayanbana Forest area of Zamfara State.

"At Dutsen Asolo, NAF jets dispatched by the air component attacked the cave/hideout of the bandits, destroying the main entry point and neutralizing some fighters. Some surviving bandits, who were tracked escaping from the cave area, were taken out in follow-on strikes.

"Also, on June 21, 2020, at the bandits' enclave in the Kwayanbana Forest, an attack helicopter took out one of the bandits' logistics huts, which was seen, engulfed in flames."

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