Troops Kill 17 Bandits In Katsina Air Offensive



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No fewer than 17 bandits were killed in an air offensive, conducted in Katsina state, on Wednesday, by the air component of Operation HADARIN DAJI.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Media Operations, (CDMO), said in an operation update on Friday, that the troops also destroyed their camp in the Dunya Forest area of the State.

"This was achieved through air strikes executed on 18 November 2020 on the heels of credible Human Intelligence (HUMINT) reports and confirmatory surveillance missions indicating that dozens of Ansaru terrorist group-linked armed bandits had established a camp at the location, which also housed scores of rustled cattle", General Enenche said.



Accordingly, the CDMO said the Air Component dispatched an appropriate force package of Nigerian Air Force (NAF) fighter jets and helicopter gunships, which engaged the location in successive passes.

He added that portions of the camp were destroyed, including their storage facility, which was seen engulfed in flames, disclosing that, "HUMINT sources later confirmed that no fewer than 17 bandits were neutralized and several others injured."

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The Defence operations spokesman said that the Military High Command commended the troops and other security agencies operating in the North West Zone for their

professionalism and urged them to remain resolute in order to eradicate all armed bandits.

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