Bandits killed in Zamfara airstrike

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DEFENCE Headquarters on Wednesday said that the Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji has destroyed a bandits' camp in Kagara Forest in Zamfara State, killing several hoodlums.

The airstrike was carried out on July 20, Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. John Enenche said in a statement on Wednesday in Abuja, News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

Enenche said the air interdiction mission was conducted after intelligence reports indicated heavy presence of the armed bandits, along with a large number of rustled livestock, in a portion of the forest.

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He said the intelligence was later confirmed by series of aerial surveillance missions, leading to the air bombardment of the location.

He said the component dispatched Nigerian Air Force fighter jets to engage the location, with their ammunition hitting targets, leading to the killing of some of the armed bandits.

"Some of them who were seen attempting to escape camouflaged in between the livestock were taken out in follow-on attacks."