

Troops hit bandits in airstrikes

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Security operatives have reportedly killed many bandits in an aerial assault on identified bandit enclaves in Chikun council of Kaduna State.

Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs Samuel Aruwan said yesterday in a statement that the bandit camps were also destroyed during the airstrike.

“Another successful outing has been reported by security forces, as an unspecified number of bandits were neutralised during an aerial assault on identified bandit enclaves around the boundary area with a neighbouring state in Chikun local government area.

“According to the operational feedback from the military, the strikes were conducted over identified locations in Kauwuri and Gaude villages. The locations were identified as bandit hideouts after thorough checks and analysis of various intelligence reports,” Aruwan said.

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“In the first mission, fighter jets attacked the bandit camps in Kauwuri general area, and armed bandits were observed fleeing from the locations. A helicopter gunship then followed for a close mop-up with rockets and canons.

“In a second wave over Gaude, the air platforms attacked the identified bandit hideouts in the area. Bandits were similarly observed attempting to take cover under some trees. The location was then attacked accordingly.

“Ground forces trailed and engaged the dozens of bandits who fled the location following the strikes.”