



• Scene of the air strikes in Niger State.

③ Air strikes kill terrorists kingpin, others in Niger

AIR strikes by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) have killed terrorists, including the dreaded terrorist and kidnap kingpin, Yellow Jambros, in Shiroro Local Government of Niger State. The strikes launched by the Air Component of *Operation Whirl Punch* on December 6, was part of military onslaught against terrorists and bandits in the area.

NAF's spokesperson, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, made this known in a statement yesterday.

He said the terrorists met their end while attempting to cross Jikudna River in Galadima Kogo District, heading towards Wurukuvhi axis of Chikun Local Government of Kaduna State.

He said: "Prior to the strike, Yellow Jambro and his cohorts were trailed from Zamfara State to Niger State riding 13 motorcycles along the Kaduna-Niger State border, precisely heading towards Kusu in Shiroro Local Government of Niger State. At Kusu, five other motorcycle-riding terrorists joined Yellow Jambros' convoy, bringing the total number of motorcycles to 18, which then headed to the bank of River Jikudun.

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"At the river bank, the terrorists and their 18 motorcycles boarded a large motor-powered canoe in an attempt to cross and link up with other terrorists across the river. It was at this point that the authorisation to undertake a strike was given.

"The precision strike was adjudged effective, as it neutralised Yellow Jambros and his colleagues, destroyed their motorcycles and sank the boat."

According to NAF's spokesperson, it was unusual for terrorists riding in a convoy of 18 motorcycles to travel in broad daylight. "It was apparent that Yellow Jambros and his cohorts had assumed that air strikes were suspended, following the unfortunate incident at Tudun Biri in Kaduna State and wanted to exploit the perceived window of opportunity.

"Yellow Jambros and his cohort have been responsible for several kidnappings and killings along the Abuja-Kaduna Road and in several communities in Kaduna, Niger, Katsina and Zamfara states."

Police response