

# JUST IN: Airstrikes kill terrorists in Kaduna, Zamfara



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*...destroy 25 illegal refineries in Rivers, Imo*

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Airstrikes by the **Nigerian Air Force (NAF)** aircraft have killed several terrorists in Malum forest of Kaduna State, and Bayan Ruwa hideout in Zamfara State.

The terrorists were neutralized during air interdictions conducted on Thursday, August 21, according to NAF's spokesperson, Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Edward Gabkwet, in a statement, on Sunday, August 25.

AVM Gabkwet said were tracked, after an intelligence report, from Alawa forest in Niger State to their stronghold in Malum forest in Kaduna State.

He said: "Intelligence gathered had revealed that most of the terrorists responsible for recent attacks on civilians, abductions and cattle rustling within Shiroro local government area of Niger State were domicile in Kaduna State.

"Consequently, the Air Component planned and executed an Air Interdiction mission on 21 Aug 24 on the terrorists' stronghold at Malum Forest. Battle damage assessment and feedback from local sources revealed several of the terrorists were eliminated as a result of the strike.

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“Similar strikes were also conducted on terrorists’ hideouts at Bayan Ruwa in Maradun local government area of Zamfara State. The terrorists were tracked to zinced-roofed structures in a vegetated area with few footpaths and a river line northwest of the location. The targets were then acquired and engaged in successive passes.”

On NAF’s operations against oil thieves and bunkerers in the Niger Delta region, AVM Gabkwet said NAF’s aircraft destroyed 25 illegal refineries and overhead tanks at Ohaji/Egbema in Imo State, and Degema and Cawthorne Channel in Rivers State.

He said that the NAF observed some “negative” activities in the areas as a result of nefarious acts of the bunkerers and oil thieves

He said: “At Greenville, Rivers State, a leaking pipeline was observed with the leakage spreading across over 150 metres radius with its attendant negative consequences on the vegetation, aquatic habitats, and farmlands.”