

Air Force kills 12 bandits in Kaduna forest, rescues 15 victims

THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has said its Operation Dfran Mikiya Air Task Force (ATF), in collaboration with troops of the 271 Detachment, have killed 12 bandits in Kamuku forest in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State, the *News*

Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has reported.

According to the Air Force, the Task Force also facilitated the release of 15 kidnapped victims.

Air Force's Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, disclosed this in a statement on Tuesday in

Abuja.

The Air Force recently inaugurated a 271 detachment in Birnin Gwari, as part of efforts to tackle security challenges in the region.

Daramola said the establishment of the detachment was already yielding steady dividends.

According to him, air strikes

conducted by the ATF, in consonance with troops of the detachment, have resulted in the killing of 12 bandits and release of 15 kidnapped victims.

He said: "The air strikes conducted on the heels of intelligence reports indicated that the bandits were camped within the Kamuku

forest area, straddling both Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State and Sabuwa Local Government Area of Katsina State.

"The air strikes made the bandits to flee the location in disarray, thereby, enabling the kidnapped victims to escape, with some finding their way to Nacibi, and others to

Gobirawa and Dogon Muazu in Birnin Gwari council area," he said.

Air Commodore Daramola, therefore, assured Nigerians that the Air Force would continue to work with surface forces and other security agencies to sustain its operations in order to flush bandits out of the North West region.

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