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NAF Alpha jet kills 20 bandits in Zamfara

THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) says its air component of 'Operation Hadarin Daji' has killed no fewer than 20 bandits at a location near Munhayе in Zamfara State.

NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who disclosed this in a statement in Abuja, on Wednesday, said the operation was conducted on Tuesday.

Daramola explained that the operation was executed sequel to credible intelligence reports indicating that scores of bandits had assembled on the location for a meeting, "supposedly with the intention of attacking innocent civilians in the sur-

rounding communities.

"The air component, therefore, scrambled a NAF Alpha Jet to attack the location, which is about 15 kilometres from the border with Katsina State.

"Upon arrival overhead the area, the Alpha Jet observed that over 30 armed bandits attempting to flee the location whilst firing at the approaching attack aircraft.

"The Alpha Jet engaged the bandits with effective fire, killing 20 of them," he said.

The spokesman said the NAF, working in consonance with other security agencies, would sustain its operations to flush the bandits from the north-western part of the country.

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