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Nigerian troops kill 135 armed bandits in troubled Kastina, Zamfara states

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THE Military High Command on Saturday said that Nigerian troops have eliminated no fewer than 135 armed bandits in the massive air raids executed at several locations in Kastina and Zamfara states within 72 hours in a renewed offensive to rid the North West of the country of armed bandits and other criminal elements.

This was contained in a statement released in Abuja by the Coordinator, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Major General John Enenche.

He explained that the air strikes were successfully carried out by the Air Component of Operation HADARIN Daji following the credible Human Intelligence (HUMINT) reports as well as series of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions which led to the identification of the camps,

According to him, "the camps include Abu Radde Camps 1 and 2 and Dunya in Jibia and Dan Musa Local Government Areas of Katsina State as well as Hassan Tagway's Camp; Alhaji Auta's Camp and Maikomi in Birnin Magaji and Zurmi local government areas of Zamfara State.

The DMO coordinator explained further that "the air interdiction missions were painstakingly undertaken by the Air Component as it dispatched its attack aircraft to the locations in multiple bombing runs, some of which were executed simultaneously.

"At the Abu Radde Camps on 20 May this year, a set of huts housing one of the notorious bandit leaders was taken out by air strikes with scores of the bandits killed and few seen fleeing with gunshot wounds towards the Sunburn Forest."