

Bandits leader, 'Rufai Maikaji,' dozen others killed in Kaduna

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KADUNA State government has confirmed the killing of one 'Rufai Maikaji,' a bandit who commanded over a hundred fighters.

The government, in a statement by the Commis-

sioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said its confirmation came after a painstaking checks with security agencies and careful exploitation of human intelligence sources.

'Rufai Maikaji' and dozens of his fighters were killed during air interdictions around the fringes of Malul

Forest in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna Central senatorial district.

The aerial missions, according to the statement, were carried out in February, adding that on sighting the ground troops, Rufai Maikaji had escaped with his members to Anaba village of Igabi Local Government Area where they killed

some citizens, burnt houses and kidnapped some locals.

It added that the prompt response by the air platforms ended the reign of terror maintained by 'Rufai Maikaji' and his accomplices.

"From further checks, 'Rufai Maikaji' and his group were confirmed to be responsible for the killing, kidnapping and cattle rustling in

many communities in Giwa, Igabi and Chikun councils, especially in Iyatawa, Garke, Kumfa, Bakali, Karau-karau and Galadimawa, Anaba, Kerawa, Hashimawa, Sabon Birni, Buruku general area and parts of Chikun Local Government Area axis of Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Road," the statement added.

In his response, Governor Nasir el-Rufai praised the military for taking down the bandit leader and his accomplices.

He further assured them of the firm commitment of the government and people of Kaduna State in the ongoing operations against the bandits throughout the state.

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