

# NAF jets destroy bandits' camp, kill 78 in three-day bombardments in North West

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SEVERAL bandits' camps have been destroyed in the North West Nigeria following aggressive airstrikes in a three day intensive military operation led by the Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji.

A competent Military Source told the Sunday Tribune in Abuja on Saturday that the NAF jets' bombardments also killed no fewer than 78 bandits during the operations.

According to the source, "Air offensive action against bandits in North West Nigeria received a boost in a three-day intensive military operation led by the Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji.

"In its resolve to rid the re-

gion of banditry, the air component focused on locations with a high concentration of bandits such as South of Dansadau town and North of Kuyanbana Forest Reserves in Zamfara State.

"Specifically, on August 2nd this year, Nigerian Air Force (NAF) surveillance platforms overhead these locations locked on bandits on bikes moving into Kuyanbana Forest Reserves

"Diligent tracking of their movement led the platforms to extensive and well-concealed camps with numerous huts

"Accordingly, using a mix of NAF Alpha Jet, MI 171 and Agusta 109 strike helicopters, the bombardment of the camps commenced on the evening of 2 August 2021 in liaison with ground troops