

NAF bombs bandits, destroys camps in Kaduna

THE Kaduna State government says the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has neutralised bandits and destroyed their camps in Birnin Gawri, Igabi and Chikun local government areas of the state, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan, confirmed the development in a statement on Monday in Kaduna.

Aruwan said: "In continuation of aerial patrols across Kaduna State, the Nigerian Air Force has re-

ported that several bandits were neutralised and camps destroyed in the latest round of operations.

"According to the feedback to the Kaduna State government, aerial patrols identified and attacked an active location in Kasarami general area in Chikun Local Government Area.

"A bandits' camp was similarly struck with rockets and destroyed at Kofita and Kuyanbana Forest in Birnin Gwari council.

"Camps were also targeted and destroyed at Kuduru and Gonan Baturiya, and terrorists were neutralised

about four kilometres west of Nabango," he added.

According to him, while conducting armed surveillance around Karshi, Kerawa and Walawa axes of Igabi and Giwa LGAs, bandits were sighted nearly six kilometre south-west of Kerawa and promptly neutralised.

He said close air support was provided to troops conducting clearance operations around Ligarma in Igabi Local Government Area.

He explained that during the mission, the house of a notorious bandits' leader, Alhaji Lawan, was attacked

and destroyed with rockets.

"The crews maintained a presence overhead as the ground troops cleared terrorists' enclaves in the area.

"Armed reconnaissance was conducted along the Kaduna-Abuja road and rail lines, with no suspicious activity observed," he said.

Aruwan said the state government received the report with thanks and warmly commended the crews and personnel for the sustained effectiveness of the operations.

"Ground and air patrols will continue in these and other general areas," the commissioner said.