

① NAF kills kidnapper, gang members in Kaduna

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THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) high command on Sunday said air strikes undertaken by the air component of **Operation Whirl Punch** have killed a notorious terrorist and kidnap kingpin, popularly known as Janari and several members of his gang who had been terrorising the people of Kaduna State.

This was contained in a

statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by NAF's Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Vice Marshal Edward Gabkwet.

According to the statement, "Janari and his cohorts had been responsible for several attacks and abductions within Kaduna State, as well as on the Abuja-Kaduna highway."

It explained that the strikes, conducted on Thursday, Janu-

ary 18, were authourised after Janari and his gang were sighted at a location near Gadar Katako in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

According to the statement, "further exploitation revealed that they were massing up for a likely attack or kidnapping of vulnerable civilians, hence the need to immediately attack the location."