

# NAF airstrikes eliminate 30 terrorists in Katsina, Borno

THE Nigeria Air Force (NAF) has said components of Operations Hadarin Daji and Hadin Kai have eliminated 30 terrorists as air strikes hit their hideouts in Katsina and Borno states, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

The Director, Public Relations and Information of NAF, Edward Gabkwet, made this known in a statement on Wednesday in Abuja.

Gabkwet said the air strikes undertaken by the air component of Operation Hadarin Daji in North West on May

27, eliminated several terrorists loyal to notorious terrorist kingpin known as Babura.

He said the strikes were conducted around Bakai, times Bakarya, and Yartsintsiya bandits' hideouts in Kan-kara Local Government Area of Katsina State.

According to him, credible intelligence received after the strike reveals that about 30 terrorists were confirmed to have been neutralised.

He said it was also confirmed that Babura narrowly escaped being eliminated,

while most of his foot soldiers were killed.

Gabkwet said that similar air strikes were also carried out by the air component of Operation Hadin Kai same day at Tumbun Fulani, near Lake Chad, against terrorists at a once abandoned hideout.

He said the strikes were authorised after Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions observed a pattern that was consistent with the relocation of terrorists to new hideouts and movement of their logistics.