

Three killed as bandits, air force clash in Zamfara

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Nigerian Air Force fighter jet

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Members of the Special Force of the Nigerian Air Force have engaged in a gun battle with bandits who invaded Rafi and Doka villages in the Gusau Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Our correspondent learnt that three bandits were killed after the gunmen exchanged fire with the air force personnel, who were attached to the 207 Quick Response Group.

The air force said the “high profile” bandits gathered in the two villages to carry out attacks on Mada District in the Gusau LGA when they were repelled by the men of the NAF Special Force team.

Apart from Gusau, there have been reports from some residents in the Zurmi Local Government Area that suspected bandits had infiltrated the villages, having been forced out of their hideouts in the forest by the ongoing military air strikes.

Our correspondent gathered that Rukudawa, Jaja and Tsanu are some of the vulnerable communities in Zurmi because the bandits had mixed with the residents.

The NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who confirmed the gun battle in Gusau on Wednesday, said three bandits were killed while the military had been able to secure the communities.

He said, “In response to reports that high profile bandits were gathering around Rafi and Doka villages of Mada District in the Gusau LGA, a NAF Special Force team was dispatched to the area to secure the two settlements and thwart the bandits’ plans.”

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