

# Military kills 20 bandits in Zamfara

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The Nigerian Air Force says it has killed no fewer than 20 bandits in the Munhaye area of Zamfara State during a gun duel.

The bandits, said to be about 30 men, reportedly shot at NAF's aircraft as they started fleeing from the location, which is only 20 Kilometres to Katsina State.

NAF, however, followed up with air strikes, taking out about 20 of the attackers.

According to the military, the operation was carried out on Tuesday by the Air Component of *Operation Hadarin Daji*, the exercise against banditry in the North-West.

The air strikes were carried out after intelligence reports indicated that scores of bandits had assembled at the location for a meeting to plan attacks on the surrounding communities.

The NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, said in a statement on Wednesday that their Alpha Jet engaged the bandits with “effective fire, neutralising 20 of them.”

He said, “The Air Component of *Operation Hadarin Daji* neutralised the bandits at a location near Munhaye in Zamfara State in air strikes conducted on Tuesday. The component scrambled a NAF Alpha Jet to attack the location. Upon arrival overhead the area, the Alpha Jet observed over 30 bandits attempting to flee the location while firing at the approaching attack aircraft.

“The NAF, working in consonance with other security agencies, will sustain its operations to flush the bandits out of the North-west of the country.”