

NAF aircraft combs Kaduna forests, kills 10

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The Nigerian Air Force attack helicopter has killed no fewer than 10 bandits in the Birnin Gwari forest and Janko Hill around Kaduna State, as the military said its aircraft would continue to patrol the areas.

The Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji conducted the strikes on Saturday after a helicopter on armed reconnaissance mission spotted several bandits at the location.

According to the Air force on Sunday, an increased migration of bandits towards the Birnin Gwari area of Kaduna State had been observed and the military would continue to dominate the general area.

The NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, in a release, added that there was a directive from the Hadarin Daji headquarters for the Air force to resume “kinetic operations against camps identified as harbouring unrepentant bandits.”

He said, “The Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji has neutralised no fewer than 10 bandits at forests near Birnin Gwari and Janko Hill in Kaduna State. The operation was conducted on Sunday. The decision was taken in the wake of the attack on troops’ location at Sunke in the Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State as well as the increased migration of bandits towards the Birnin Gwari area of Kaduna State.

“The attack on the bandits was undertaken when a NAF helicopter on armed reconnaissance mission over the Birnin Gwari general area spotted several bandits at the location and engaged them with its guns killing some of them. Some bandits were similarly tracked to Janko Hill and neutralised.

“All persons involved in banditry in the area are therefore strongly advised to renounce violence, surrender to security agencies and hand over their weapons.”