

Military kills scores of Niger bandits

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Operation Gama Aiki, an anti-banditry operation in the North-West region, has deployed a fighter helicopter to Pandogari area of Niger State, killing scores of bandits who were sighted in the community.

The military aircraft, deployed by the Air Component of Operation Gama Aiki, attacked the bandits' camp in the area on Tuesday, after “credible human intelligence reports indicated that the bandits had assembled under a group of trees at Kalaibu village under Pandogari.”

According to a release by the Director of the Defence Media Operations, Defence Headquarters, Abuja, Brig Gen Bernard Onyeuko, the armed forces would sustain the offensives until peace was restored to the North-West region.

He said, “In continuation of air operations aimed at flushing out bandits from the country, the armed forces through the Air Component of Operation Gama Aiki have neutralised some bandits at their hideout located about 10km South-East of Pandogari in Niger State. The attack was undertaken on Tuesday, sequel to credible human intelligence reports indicating that the bandits had assembled under a group of trees at Kalaibu Village near Pandogari.

“A Nigerian Air Force attack helicopter dispatched for an armed reconnaissance mission in the area spotted and engaged the bandits, neutralising some, while others managed to escape with gunshot wounds.”