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Our jet killed bandits in Niger, says military

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The Nigerian military through the *Operation Gama Aiki* has shot dead scores of bandits dressed in black attire who were sighted at Maguga community in the Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State.

According to the Defence Headquarters, Abuja, on Tuesday, the Air Component of the *Operation Gama Aiki* deployed an attack aircraft in the location, after sighting bandits in the community with a herd of rustled cattle.

The DMO Coordinator, Maj. Gen. John Enenche, said, “The Air Component of the *Operation Gama Aiki* has neutralised several bandits at Maguga in the Rafi LGA of Niger State.

“The operation, which was conducted in support of *Operation Thunder Strike*, was executed, sequel to reports that some bandits, clad in black attire, had been sighted with a large herd of rustled cattle in the area.

“Accordingly, the Air Component scrambled its aircraft to attack the location. Upon sighting the approaching attack aircraft, the bandits scampered to conceal themselves under nearby shrubs but were engaged with cannon fire which led to the neutralisation of several of them.

“The Armed Forces of Nigeria encourage the public to continue providing useful information that will facilitate its operations to restore peace and security to all affected parts of the country.”