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Military kills 135 bandits in Katsina, Zamfara —Enenche

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The military says killed at least 135 bandits in camps in Katsina and Zamfara states, destroying their buildings.

The Defence Media Operations Coordinator, Major General John Enenche, said this in a statement on Saturday. He said the bandits were killed following airstrikes on Thursday and Friday.

He said the military's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions also identified the camps, including Abu Radde Camps 1 and 2; Dunya in Jibia and Dan Musa local government areas of Katsina State; Hassan Tagwaye's Camp; Alhaji Auta's Camp and Maikomi in Birnin Magaji and Zurmi LGAs of Zamfara State.

Enenche said, “The air interdiction missions were painstakingly undertaken by the Air Component as it dispatched its attack aircraft to the locations in multiple bombing runs, some of which were executed simultaneously.”

“At the Abu Radde Camps, a set of huts housing one of the notorious bandit leaders was taken out with scores of the bandits killed and a few seen fleeing towards the Dumburum Forest.

“Similar air raids were executed at Hassan Tagwaye’s and Alhaji Auta’s camps as well as at Maikomi with equally devastating effects. Human intelligence reports later confirmed that no fewer than 135 bandits were neutralised by the series of airstrikes at the various locations.