NAF jets, gunships, troops invade bandits hideouts, kill dozens

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The Nigerian Air Force's fighter jets have continued to pound bandits' camps in Kauwuri and Guade areas of Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

According to the state Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, disclosed this to journalists.

Aruwan said ground forces trailed and engaged the bandits who fled the location following the strikes.

The commissioner quoted the state governor, Nasir El-Rufai, to have welcomed the development, commending the military for a job well done.

He said, "Another successful outing has been reported by security forces as an unspecified number of bandits were neutralised during an aerial assault on identified bandits' enclaves around the boundary area with a neighbouring state in Chikun Local Government Area.

"According to the operational feedback from the military, the strikes were conducted over identified locations in Kauwuri and Gaude villages.

"The locations were identified as bandits' hideouts after thorough checks and analysis of various intelligence reports.

"In the first mission, fighter jets attacked the bandits' camps in Kauwuri general area, and armed bandits were observed fleeing from the locations. A helicopter gunship then followed for a close mop-up with rockets and cannons."

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The commissioner added, "In a second wave over Gaude, the air platforms attacked the identified bandits' hideouts in the area.

"Bandits were similarly observed attempting to take cover under some trees. The location was then attacked accordingly.

"Ground forces trailed and engaged the dozens of bandits who fled the location following the strikes.

"Assessment revealed that many bandits were neutralised during the entire mission, and several camps were destroyed."