

# Commanders, others killed as military bombards terrorists

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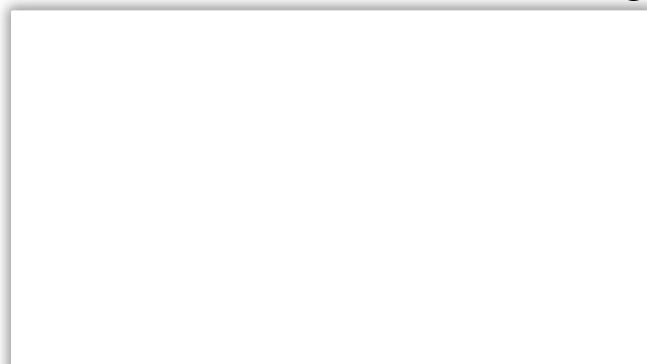
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Airstrikes by the air components of Operation Hadarin Daji in the North-West and Operation Hadin Kai in the North-East have killed several terrorists and destroyed their enclaves.

The airstrikes were conducted between October 31 and November 1 and specifically targeted at terrorists' kingpins in Katsina, Borno, and Zamfara.

In Katsina, an air interdiction was targeted at the camp of terrorist kingpin, Babaru, who was accused of killing over 100 residents in the Bakori LGA on February 2, 2023.

The Director, Nigeria Air Force Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, said in a statement on Sunday that the airstrikes killed several terrorists in the operation, and Babaru's camp was destroyed. 



“The preceding week has no doubt been eventful, especially for the air components of Operation Hadarin Daji in the North-West and Operation Hadin Kai in North-East Nigeria. Alongside the land component and other security agencies, aircraft under these operational theatres have ensured that terrorists and other criminal elements operating in the two regions do not constitute significant security threats to innocent citizens within the regions.

“In the North-West, the air component of OPHD on November 1, 2023, conducted a series of successful airstrikes in the Kankara LGA of Katsina State, targeting the hideout of a notorious terrorist kingpin, Babaru. Babaru has been implicated in numerous acts of terrorism and banditry across Kankara and adjacent LGAs in Katsina State. Notably, he was involved in the massacre of over 100 residents of Gidan Gari and Yarmai-Yadiya villages in Bakori LGA on February 2, 2023. The airstrikes destroyed Babaru’s hideout and eliminated several terrorists, though there was no confirmation if Babaru was among those neutralised.”

