

Air Force kills notorious terrorist, 38 others in Zamfara

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Nigerian Air Force fighter jet

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The Nigerian Air Force said a notorious terrorist kingpin, Halilu Sububu, has been killed by its special forces.

Although based in Zamfara, Sububu terrorised communities in Sokoto, Niger and Kaduna States.

Sububu's death comes a few hours after the Nigerian Army announced the death of another terrorist kingpin in Zamfara State, Halilu Buzu.

Confirming the death of Sububu in a statement on Friday, the Deputy Director of Public Relations and Information Nigerian Air Force, Group Captain, Kabiru Ali said, “NAF Special Forces of Operation HADARIN DAJI, in the company of other ground troops, initiated a follow-up exploitation mission after troops encountered terrorists in the vicinity of Mayanchi. During the mission, it was confirmed that 38 terrorists had been neutralized, with four bodies retrieved for verification.

“In addition to the elimination of the terrorists, a significant cache of weapons was recovered, including two Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) tubes, one RPG bomb, three PKT machine guns, five AK-47 rifles, 29 magazines, and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition of varying calibres.”

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Meanwhile, two prominent northern groups, the Arewa Youths Consultative Forum and the Northern Awareness Network, have commended the Nigerian Army for killing Buzu and some of his fighters in Zamfara State and North-West.

In a statement in Kaduna on Friday, AYCF President General, Yerima Shettima, noted that the recent military engagement with bandits showed a newfound tenacity, departing from previous operations.

He said, “The recent military engagement with bandits has shown a newfound tenacity, resulting in the displacement of bandit elements and a renewed commitment to restoring peace and security.”

Also speaking, the chairman of NAN, Saliu Suleiman, noted that the recent military operations demonstrated effectiveness to incapacitate banditry.

He commended the bravery and resolve of the Nigerian Armed Forces and the Minister of State for Defence, Bello Mohammed Matawalle, in the fight against banditry in the North-West region.