

NAF airstrikes kill terrorists in Zamfara

10th July 2025



NAF fighter jets

| By Solomon Odeniyi

Operatives of the Nigerian Air Force under Operation Fansan Yamma have killed scores of bandits in a series of coordinated airstrikes.

The precision strikes targeted a large convoy of bandits migrating on motorcycles along the Kebbi–Zamfara axis, specifically near Yarbuga in the Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

According to a statement on Thursday by the NAF spokesman, Air Commodore Ehimen Ejodame, the convoy, comprising nearly 150 motorcycles in separate batches, was sighted through real-time surveillance, with each bike carrying at least two armed terrorists.

He said once identification was established, NAF aircraft engaged the convoy with devastating precision.

Ejodame said, “In a series of precision airstrikes conducted on 9 July 2025, targeting a migrating convoy along the Kebbi–Zamfara axis. The strikes were based on real-time intelligence, which revealed the movement of close to 150 motorcycles in batches, each carrying about 2 armed terrorists near Yarbuga in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Related News

CBN’s N2bn BDC recapitalisation threatens Northern operators - Forum

Troops kill 24 terrorists in Borno, repel Kebbi bandits

NAF veterans’ parley in Gombe, hail commitment to welfare

“After positive identification confirming the hostile presence, NAF aircraft engaged the convoy with devastating accuracy. Survivors were seen fleeing on foot and motorcycles, as air assets maintained persistent overwatch and executed follow-up strikes, effectively disrupting enemy withdrawal routes.”

Ejodame said surveillance footage showed surviving fighters fleeing the scene on foot and motorcycle, only to be tracked and targeted again in successive follow-up strikes that disrupted their escape routes.

He said, “Following the airstrikes, ground troops conducted a follow-up exploit mission to Yarbuga village on the morning of 10 July 2025. At the scene, remains of scores of terrorists and their weapons were found in the area, along with several burnt motorcycles.

“This joint air–ground operation dealt a significant blow to bandit networks in the region. It underscores the Nigerian Air Force’s unwavering commitment to protecting civilian lives, denying terrorists freedom of action and

supporting ground forces to ensure lasting peace across the country.”