## NAF bombards terrorists' enclaves, kills scores in Niger

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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) said its fighter jets on internal security operations have bombarded another terrorists' stronghold at Kurebe in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, killing scores of terrorists.

NAF Director, Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, who made the disclosure, said the terrorists had assembled at the venue for a crucial meeting hosted by one Aminu Duniya, a Boko Haram terrorist commander, when the fighter jet bombarded the place.

He said sources revealed that the air strike was successful and resulted in the death of many terrorists, though it remained unclear if Aminu Duniya was also killed in the strike.

The statement made available to Daily Sun reads: "Over the weekend, NAF aircraft struck a terrorists gathering at Kurebe in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, after intelligence revealed that the terrorists had assembled for an important meeting hosted by Aminu Duniya, a Boko Haram terrorist commander. Aminu Duniya was said to have invited the terrorists to his enclave at Kurebe, for the meeting which obviously attracted numerous terrorists who came in large numbers on their motorbikes.

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It should be noted that Kurebe is a known terrorists haven as the local inhabitants of Kurebe had since vacated the villages in and around the area, after the terrorists drove them away in 2021.

The strike at Kurebe came barely hours after a coordinated joint air and ground operations neutralised several terrorists operating around the Damba – Galbi axis in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State. The activities of the terrorists continued to make life unbearable to locals in the area.

So, when intelligence had revealed that the terrorists planned to overrun a nearby village within the vicinity, the military saw that as an opportunity to surprise them.

While NA troops laid siege to the location, NAF aircraft were directed to the suspected location of the terrorists, which was then attacked. Several terrorists were confirmed killed after the strike.



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