

NAF kills terrorist kingpin, others in Niger air strikes

From **Molly Kilete**, Abuja

THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) said its Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch has eliminated a dreaded terrorist and kidnap kingpin, Yellow Jambros, and scores of other terrorists in airstrikes in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

NAF Director, Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, who made the disclosure, said the terrorists met their Waterloo while attempting to cross the Jikudna River in Galadima Kogo District, heading towards the Wurukuvhi axis of Chikun LGA.

Gabkwet, in a statement, yesterday morning, in Abuja, said Yellow Jambros and his cohorts were trailed from Zamfara State into Niger State riding on 13 motorcycles, along the Kaduna-Niger State border, precisely heading towards Kusu in Shiroro, prior to the strike.

The statement made available to Daily Sun reads: "Air strike undertaken by the Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch, on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, in Shiroro Local Government Area (LGA) of Niger State, has neutralised scores of terrorists, including the dreaded terrorist and kidnap kingpin, Yellow Jambros. The terrorists met their end while attempting to cross Jikudna River in Galadima Kogo District, heading towards the Wurukuvhi axis of Chikun LGA.

Prior to the strike, Yellow Jambros and his cohorts were trailed from Zamfara State into Niger State riding 13 motorcycles, along the Kaduna-Niger State border, precisely heading towards Kusu in Shiroro LGA of Niger State. At Kusu, five other motorcycle-riding terrorists joined Yellow Jambros' convoy, bringing the total number of motorcycles to

18, which then headed to the bank of River Jikudna. At the river bank, the terrorists and their 18 motorcycles boarded a large motor-powered canoe in an attempt to cross and link up with other terrorists across the river. It was at this point that the authorisation to undertake a strike was given. The precision strike

was judged effective as it neutralised Yellow Jambros and his colleagues, destroyed their motorcycles and sank the boat.

Though it was unusual for terrorists riding in a convoy of 18 motorcycles to travel in broad daylight, it was apparent that Yellow Jambros and his cohorts had assumed that air strikes were suspended follow-

ing the unfortunate incident at Tudun Biri in Kaduna State and wanted to exploit the perceived window of opportunity.

Yellow Jambros and his cohort have been responsible for several kidnappings and killings along the Abuja-Kaduna Road and in several communities in Kaduna, Niger, Katsina and Zamfara States.

In October 2020, a kidnap

kingpin known as Mohammed Sani, arrested by the Police in Zamfara State for murdering over 50 of his victims due to their inability to mobilise ransom, claimed that he worked for Yellow Jambros, who usually supplied him with fake military and police uniforms, guns and other weapons needed to execute his operations.

Senators donate N109m to victims of Kaduna drone misfire

From **Noah Ebije**, Kaduna

THE Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, said the 109 Senators will donate N1 million each from their December salaries to raise the sum of N109 million for victims of inaccurate drone bombings of the Tudun Biri community of Kaduna State by the Nigerian Army recently.

Senator Akpabio, who was represented by the Deputy Senate President, Barau Jibrin, at a condolence visited to the Kaduna State Governor, Uba Sani, yesterday, said the lawmakers were shocked over the incident, adding that the Senate would partner the Federal Government and the Kaduna State government, to ensure succour for the community.

The deputy senate president with the Chief Whip, Senator Ali Ndume, the Minority Leader, Abba Moro, and other delegates also visited the Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital, Kaduna, to sympathise with the survivors.

"We will partner with you. We will do all within our powers to bring succour for those that were affected by this unfortunate incident. It is on this note that we want to announce, on behalf of the Senate president, that the first measure that we decided to take, apart from investigation, is to bring out something that

will alleviate the hardship being faced by the people of the area (Tudun Biri).

"It is on this note that we have decided that we are going to donate our salaries for a full month to be given to those that were affected by this incident. So, a total of N109 million will be made available. I have told the governor, so that it will be channelled to provide a kind of succour to those that were affected by what happened.

"We are here to represent the Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, and, indeed, other senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in order to sympathise with you for

the lost lives and those who sustained injuries in respect of the unfortunate incident that happened at Tudun Biri in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna some few days ago.

"We are all worried. We are all disturbed, but the only thing we can say, now, is for the Almighty Allah Grant those who lost their lives rest and those who sustained different degrees of injuries quick recovery. Let me clearly state here that since the occurrence of the unfortunate incident, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has been working and has been in contact with the president

of this country, who is highly disturbed and working behind the scene to unravel the reason why the incident occurred.

"I want to emphasise here that President Tinubu will leave no stone unturned in his zeal to unravel the unfortunate incident. We are working on the same page with Mr. President. Mr. President is highly in the mood that no stone should be left unturned to unravel the circumstances surrounding what happened and prevent that from happening again. So, we are all on the same page with the executive arm of the government.

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Navy inducts 12 UAVs to boost security in maritime sector

By **Phillip Nwosu**

THE Nigerian Navy has inducted 12 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) to improve its surveillance capabilities and enable it to fight maritime crimes.

The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Emmanuel Ogalla, while inaugurating the drones, said they would assist the navy in protection of the country's maritime assets while improving its maritime surveillance.

Admiral Ogalla, who was represented by the Chief of Training and Operations, Rear Adm. Zakariyyah Muham-

mad, said the surveillance UAVs would complement the already existing air assets of the Nigerian Navy, while supporting the surface ships and maritime domain awareness platforms.

He said: "In an era where the nature of warfare is evolving rapidly, embracing cutting-edge technologies becomes imperative for enhancing our national security.

"These UAVs, with their advanced capabilities and versatility, will undoubtedly enhance our naval surveillance for furtherance of strategic capabilities.

"I have no doubt that this

will rejig the Nigerian Navy towards better service delivery in the maritime domain of our dear country," he said.

The CNS added that the navy was expecting five more helicopters within the first quarter of 2024, which would enhance its maritime capabilities. "This will make safer waters for both local and international maritime trade."

Ogalla commended the Western Naval Command for innovative and dogged effort towards maintaining credible maritime presence and curbing criminalities in its area of operations.

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