

NAF special forces foil terrorists' attack on Kaduna village, kill kingpin, 5 others

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THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF), said its special forces have killed a notorious terrorists leader and five of his foot soldiers in Igabi Local Government Area (LGA), Kaduna State.

Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Vice Marshal Edward Gabkwet,

said the special forces from NAF 413 Force Protection Group, came in contact with the terrorists while on a clearance operations near Sabon Gida forest along Sabon Birni Road in Igabi Local Government Area of the state.

Gabkwet, in a statement, said the terrorists were on their way to attack, kidnap and kill innocent villagers when they were sighted by the troops.

The NAF spokesman in a statement, said, "Following intelligence report received on August 31, 2024 that a known terrorist kingpin, Mustapha Abdullahi, and five members of his group were sighted near Sabon Gida Forest along Sabon Birni Road in Igabi Local Government Area (LGA), Kaduna State, with likely intent to kidnap, harm or kill innocent civilians, a team of special forces from the Nigerian Air Force

(NAF) 413 Force Protection Group was dispatched to comb the location.

After making contact with the terrorists who were on motor cycles, on sighting the special forces, the terrorists immediately opened fire and were met with superior fire power by the troops, eliminating all the terrorists.

"Items recovered from the terrorists included five den guns, locally fabricated sub-

machine gun, and live ammunitions. Others included assorted charms, lighters, Sim cards and phone cases.

"Efforts by the troops to rid Igabi, Birnin Gwari and environs of criminals and their activities remain ongoing.

"Troops have also been commended and urged to intensify ongoing efforts to safeguard lives and properties.