

Banditry: Air strikes destroy 8 camps, kill scores – NAF

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In continuation of its operations against armed banditry and kidnapping in Zamfara State and its environs, the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday said a total of eight camps had been destroyed in intensified airstrikes, which killed scores of the suspected criminal elements.

This was as it further disclosed that it had deployed additional aircraft to bolster ongoing operations in the area.

Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who made the disclosure in a statement, said the suspected bandits had been dislodged from their hide-outs in Sububu, Rugu and Kagara Forests, among others.

Head workers

January 2019, to confirm the veracity of the claim requests submitted by the MDAs.

"After the verification exercise, a total of 497 next-of-kin of deceased officers have been cleared for payment of N1.3 billion. The payment to beneficiaries is expected to commence before the end of this month," she added.

According to her, the Office of the Head of Service had also designed a robust welfare package for civil servants, who were still in service.

She added that in realisation that the civil service reforms being championed by the Head of Service would not succeed without incentives and motivation for the workers, the present administration was working out a policy that would guarantee a better reward system for them.

According to him, the devastating impact of the sustained airstrikes, had forced the bandits to escape to the border with Niger Republic.

He, however, restated the Air Tactical Force's readiness to deny them escape by liaising with relevant authorities.

"The Air Task Force (ATF) for Operation DIRAN MIKIYA has continued to record successes in its renewed air offensive against armed bandits in Zamfara State and its environs. The air strikes, which were intensified on 8 April 2019, with the deployment of additional aircraft, are aimed at flushing out the bandits from their hide-outs in Sububu, Rugu and Kagara Forests, among others, while ensuring the protection of the lives and property of citizens in the North-West part of the country.