

City Brief

NAF kills 12 bandits in Zamfara

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Nigerian Air Force (NAF) said 12 suspected bandits were killed in air strikes within the Kamuku Forest area "straddling both Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State and Sabuwa Local Government Area of Katsina State".

The Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Commodore Ibikunle Dar-amola, who made the disclosure in a statement, said the air and ground operations were a product of intelligence reports of the gathering of the suspected criminals within the forest.

The DOPRI also noted that 15 kidnap victims were rescued.

He said: "The establishment of the 271 Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Detachment in Birnin Gwari is yielding steady dividends as air strikes conducted by

the Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Diran Mikiya on 10 May 2019, in liaison with troops of the Detachment, have resulted in the neutralisation of 12 armed bandits as well as the release of 15 kidnap victims.

"The air strikes, which were conducted on the heels of intelligence reports indicating that the armed bandits were camped within the Kamuku Forest area, straddling both Birnin Gwari Local Government Area (LGA) of Kaduna State and Sabuwa LGA of Katsina State, caused the bandits to flee the location in disarray thereby enabling the kidnap victims to escape, with some finding their way to Nacibi, and others to Gobirawa and Dogon Muazu in Birnin Gwari LGA.

"The NAF, working in consonance with surface forces and other security agencies, will sustain its operations to flush the bandits out of the Northwest of the country."