

NAF strike kills over 30 kidnappers on 15 motorcycles in Kaduna

...as Army hands over 35 rescued kidnap victims to Gov. Radda in Katsina

The Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch has eliminated no fewer than 30 terrorists and kidnappers in an air strike along Kwiga-Kampanin Doka axis in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

This is contained in a statement by the Director, Public Relations and Information of the Nigerian Air Force (NAF), AVM Edward Gabkwet, yesterday in Abuja.

Gabkwet said that the strike followed intelligence received on the movement of the criminals along the axis.

He added that the intel also revealed that the same syndicate was responsible for the ambush on troops at Kwanan Mutuwa on Jan. 27, as well as several attacks and abductions of innocent civilians in Birnin Gwari.

According to him, a deliberate and detailed scan revealed a trail of terrorists moving in a convoy of about 15 motorcycles, each with at least two armed terrorists.

This is just as the Army handed over 35 kidnap victims rescued from their captors in a Katsina State forest to Gov. Dikko Radda yesterday.

Commanding Officer, 17 Brigade

of the Nigerian Army, Katsina, Brig-Gen. O.A Fadairo, who handed the victims to the governor said they were kidnapped by bandits in Tashar Nagulle and Nahuta in Batsari Local Government Area of the state.

Fadairo explained that the victims were rescued at Dumburum Forest after an intensive gun battle between soldiers and the bandits.

Responding, Gov. Radda, thanked God for aiding the rescue operation which went without casualty either on the part of the victims or the security operatives.