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he Nigerian Air Force (NAF) said yesterday that over 15 terrorists were killed in precision strikes delivered by the Air Component of the Joint Task Force North-East, Oneration Hadin Kai (OPHK).

A statement by the Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air

NAF: 15 terrorists killed in devastating Sambisa airstrikes ...says every successful strike draws lasting peace closer

Commodore Ehimen Ejodame, added that the devastating airstrikes within the Sambisa general area, also destroyed key structures critical to the insurgents' operations.

"On September 3, 2025, a carefully planned and executed air interdiction mis-

sion struck a newly identified terrorist enclave west of Zuwa in the Sambisa general area," the DOPRI said.

He continued: "Acting on credible intelligence and confirmatory surveillance. the mission targeted hideoutsharbouringfightersand commanders responsible for recent hostilities around Bitta.

"The strikes proved devastating, neutralising over 15 terrorists and demolishing key structures critical to their operations.

derscores the NAF's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the lives and property of Nigerians while supporting ground troops in joint operations to dismantle

terrorist networks.

"This latest success un-

"The Nigerian Air Force

continues to stand as a symbol of vigilance, professionalism. and decisive airpower in defence of national security"

Meanwhile, the Service has assured the public that every successful strike brings the nation one step closer to lasting peace.

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Kwara: Bandit neutralised by troops of 22 Armoured Brigade

Troops kill 13 R'Haram insurgents, recover arms,