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# Military Kills 30 Bandits in Zamfara Forest

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No fewer than 30 bandits were killed in airstrike conducted by the Air Component of the Operation Hadarin Daji in Doumborou forest area of Zamfara State, the military has disclosed.

The Coordinator of Defence Media Operations, Major General John Enenche, said in a statement issued yesterday that the logistics store belonging to the bandits

was also destroyed in the attack.

According to the statement, the military acted based on credible intelligence, which indicated that a structure within the forest was being used by bandits to store their logistics.

"The Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji has destroyed an armed bandits' logistics store and neutralised no fewer than 30 bandits in air strikes conducted yesterday, May 26, 2020, in the Doumborou

Forest area of Zamfara State.

"The operation was executed based on credible Human Intelligence (HUMINT) reports indicating that a thatched structure within the Forest was being used by the bandits to store their logistics items. Fortuitously, an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft on patrol spotted some of the armed bandits on motorcycles who were tracked to the storehouse where they

lodged some items.

"The Air Component therefore dispatched an attack helicopter to engage the location, scoring accurate hits resulting in the destruction of the store, which was seen engulfed in flames. The attack helicopter subsequently trailed the armed bandits who fled the location and mopped them up in follow-on attacks, neutralizing no fewer than 30 of them as later confirmed by HUMINT sources".

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