

after their intervention on Covid-19, in Lagos yesterday.

82 armed bandits killed by military air strikes in Katsina, Zamfara

FOLLOWING military air bombardments to take out armed bandits camps in Zamfara and Katsina states in the North West Zone of the country, a total of 82 bandits were neutralized on Monday at Birnin Logo forest and Ajjah Forest.

Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Major General John Enenche made this known in a statement yesterday.

Enenche said, "No fewer than 67 bandits, armed with very high calibre weapons,

including Anti-Aircraft (AA) Guns, have been neutralised and several others injured in air interdiction missions executed by the Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji at Birnin Logo Forest in Katsina State.

"In the same vein, about 15 armed bandits were eliminated in air strikes conducted by the Air Component at Ajjah Forest in Zamfara State.

"Both air strikes were carried out on Monday, November 23, 2020, sequel to

credible Human Intelligence (HUMINT) reports as well as aerial surveillance missions that led to the identification of the two forest hideouts, which housed scores of the armed bandits along with hundreds of rustled cattle.

"The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) fighter jets and helicopter gunships dispatched by the Air Component to attack the 2 locations took turns in engaging the target areas, scoring accurate hits on the caves, which are used by the

armed bandits to shield themselves from air strikes.

"The Military High Command commends the troops and other security agencies operating in the North West zone for their professionalism and urges them to remain resolute in order to eradicate all armed bandits.

"Members of the public within the affected areas are please requested to promptly report any persons with suspicious injuries to the nearest security or law enforcement agency post."