

NAF airstrikes eliminate wanted terrorist kingpin, Yellow Jambros, others in Niger

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THE Nigerian Air Force said, yesterday, airstrikes undertaken by its Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State have neutralized scores of terrorists including the dreaded terrorist and kidnap kingpin, 'Yellow Jambros'.

Director of NAF Public Relations, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, said: "The terrorists met their end while attempting to cross Jikudna River in Galadima Kogo

District, heading towards Wurukuvhi axis of Chikun LGA.

"Before the strike, Yellow Jambros and his cohorts were trailed from Zamfara State into Niger State riding 13 motorcycles along the Kaduna-Niger states border, precisely heading towards Kusu in Shiroro LGA of Niger State.

"At Kusu, five other motorcycle-riding terrorists joined Yellow Jambros' convoy, bringing the total number of motorcycles to 18, which then headed to the bank of River Jikudna.

"At the river bank, the terrorists and their 18 motorcycles boarded a large motor-powered canoe in an attempt to cross and link up with other terrorists across the river.

"It was at that point that the authorization to undertake a strike was given.

"The precision strike was adjudged effective as it neutralized Yellow Jambros and his colleagues. It destroyed their motorcycles and sank the boat.

"Though it was unusual for terrorists riding in a convoy of 18 motorcycles to travel in broad daylight, it was apparent that Yellow Jambros and his cohorts had assumed that air strikes were suspended following the unfortunate incident at Tudun Biri in Kaduna State and wanted to exploit the perceived window of opportunity.

"Yellow Jambros and his cohort have been responsible for several kidnappings and killings along the Abuja-Kaduna Road and in several communities in Kaduna, Niger, Katsina and Zamfara States.

"In October 2020, a kidnapped kingpin known as Mohammed Sani, arrested by the Police in Zamfara State for murdering over 50 of his victims due to their inability to mobilize ransom claimed that he worked for Yellow Jambros, who usually supply him with fake military and police uniforms, guns and other weapons needed to execute his operation."

Police rescue kidnapped housewife in Kaduna

A housewife kidnapped by a group of armed men was yesterday, rescued by operatives of the Kaduna State police command.

The command's Public Relations Officer, ASP Mansur Hassan, told the News Agency of Nigeria that about 0100hrs on Sunday, their operatives received a call that a group of armed men not yet ascertained invaded a residence at Dogarawa area of Sabon Gari Zaria LGA.

"The kidnappers abducted a house

wife, aged 37, at the residence. On receiving the call, our team of patrol rushed to the scene and pursued the criminals. Due to our firepower superiority, they abandoned the kidnapped victim, which led to her rescue."

He said the kidnapped victim had been reunited with her family unhurt. Hassan said investigation was ongoing, while efforts were also intensified to arrest the fleeing suspects to face the full wrath of the law.

He appealed for timely and useful information for proactive measures.