

NAF air strikes eliminate kidnap syndicate in Kaduna

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KADUNA—Following its relentless campaign to rid the North West and North Central regions of the menace of terrorism and kidnapping, the Air Component of Operation Whirl Punch has

eliminated a syndicate of terrorists in Kaduna State.

Director of Nigerian Air Force, NAF, Public Relations and Information, Air Vice Marshal Edwaed Gabkwet, yesterday, said: "The strike followed an intelligence report of the movement of the syndicate along the Kwiga-Kampamin Doka axis in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

"The intelligence also revealed that the same syndicate was responsible

for the ambush on troops at Kwanan Muluwa on January 27, 2024, as well as several attacks and abduction of innocent civilians in Birnin Gwari.

"On arrival at the suspected location, a deliberate and detailed scan revealed a trail of terrorists sighted moving in a convoy of about 15 motorcycles, each with at least two armed terrorists.

"Accordingly, the terrorists were trailed to a location where they converged before they were engaged and neutralized in a precision strike.

"The aftermath of the air strike revealed that several of the terrorists

were eliminated as a result of the strike.

"The success of this particular strike has drawn the attention of the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Hasan Abubakar, who has commended the Component Commander but cautioned that efforts must be sustained.

"While this does not call for celebration on our part, I must commend the professionalism of the crew for patiently trailing the criminals until an appropriate opportunity to strike presented itself. We must keep pushing and striving."

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