

Airforce bombs IED factory at terrorists' hideout

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THE Nigerian Airforce said yesterday its air component of Operation Hadin Kai, has conducted strikes on terrorists' enclaves at Grazah, a location deep in the Mandara Hills, and destroyed a factory for production of improvised explosive devices, IEDs.

The Mandara maintains is the location terrorists train suicide bombers who, they thereafter, send out to kill people.

Air Vice Marshal Edward Gabkeet, The Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Vice Marshal Edward Gabkwet, who disclosed this, said the strikes conducted on August 2, 2024, were aimed at decimating terrorists who recently attacked innocent civilians in Borno State, using Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, and suicide bombers.

He said: "This was sequel to intelligence revealing the sighting of a possible IED factory and storage area for other logistics.

"For some time now, this IED factory was suspected to have been relocated, first from Gwoza to Timbuktu Thangle in Sambisa Forest, and finally berthing at Grazah in the Mandara Hills.

The frequent relocation of the IED factory has been attributed to the enormous fire power on terrorists' enclaves by the combined efforts of the entire security apparatus of Operation Hadin Kai.

The IED factory's location at Grazah had been under surveillance for weeks, with various installations observed and activities of armed terrorists in the area found to be consistent with those protecting a strategic location.

"Additionally, 2-gun trucks were sighted tucked under a large tree near the suspected IED factory. These findings thus necessitated the need for an air strike on the location in order to destroy the suspected IED factory and neutralize the terrorists.