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NAF airstrikes kill scores of Boko Haram fighters in Sambisa forest



The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) says its airstrikes have killed several Boko Haram fighters and destroyed key terrorist facilities in the Sambisa Forest axis of Borno State.

NAF spokesperson, Air Commodore Ehimen Ejodame, disclosed this in a statement on Wednesday, saying the operation targeted insurgents' strongholds and logistics enclaves.

According to him, the air interdiction missions were carried out on Tuesday, May 26, following credible Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) reports.

Ejodame said NAF air assets executed precision strikes on identified terrorist hideouts and support structures at Biramiri in the Gezuwa general area of Borno State.

"The coordinated attacks destroyed key terrorist facilities and neutralised several fighters, further crippling the operational capacity of the insurgents," he said.

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He noted that the sustained air offensives had continued to create fear, confusion and disarray among terrorist elements operating within the Sambisa axis.

According to the NAF spokesperson, intelligence assessments indicate growing apprehension and disorientation within the ranks of the insurgents as continuous bombardments deny them freedom of movement and access to safe havens.

He reiterated the commitment of the Air Force, working in synergy with troops of Operation HADIN KAI and other security agencies, to sustain pressure on terrorist networks in the North-East.

“The NAF, in concert with troops of Operation HADIN KAI and other security agencies, remains resolute in maintaining relentless pressure on terrorist networks while reinforcing its commitment to protecting innocent lives and restoring lasting peace and security across the North-East,” Ejodame said.