

Air Force pounds Boko Haram locations in Sambisa Forest

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F-35 Joint Strike Fighters. PHOTO CREDIT: NAN

Nigerian Air Force (NAF) fighter jets have intensified assaults on Boko Haram locations in the Sambisa Forest, Air Force spokesman, Group Captain Ayodele Famuyiwa, said yesterday.

Famuyiwa said in a statement that the NAF in the past week successfully struck a number of Boko Haram locations, including their logistics bases in the forest.

He added that air interdiction missions were continuously conducted with a combination of combat platforms comprising F-7Ni fighter aircraft, Alpha jets and Mi-24V helicopter gunship.

He said the latest air strikes against the Boko Haram were fallouts of the Operation Forest Storm launched by the NAF on October 2 to further degrade the capability of the militants within the forest. He added that the strikes were to create the enabling environment for ground forces to continue their operation. He said from Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), it appeared the insurgents were low on logistics as there was indication of vehicular movement. He said a Battle Damage Assessment showed that the entire operation was a success as a number of the insurgents were killed.