Air Force kills several B/Haram terrorists in Borno

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The Nigerian Air Force yesterday said several Boko Haram Terrorists were neutralized and some structures in their camp at Abulam in the Sambisa Forest area of Borno State destroyed in air strikes on Tuesday.

A statement from Air Force spokesman, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, said the strikes were conducted Tuesday by the Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole.

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He said the mission was executed to mark the commencement of Operation Rattle Snake 2, an Air Interdiction Operation aimed at taking out some identified insurgent camps and logistics facilities "in order to further unhinge the terrorists' centre of gravity and diminish their fighting capability."

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Daramola said Abullam was selected for attack on day one of the operation based on credible intelligence reports indicating that the terrorists had resumed using the once-abandoned settlement as a staging point from where they launch attacks against ground troops' locations.

He said the Air Task Force detailed its attack aircraft, supported by an Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance aircraft, to attack designated compounds within the settlement.

He said the jets took turns to engage the target in successive passes leading to the destruction of some of the structures as well as the killing of several terrorists.

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