## Air Force kills terrorists in Sambisa forest

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Air Force spokesman, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola

The Nigerian Air Force on Saturday said the Air Task Force (ATF), Operation Lafiya Dole has neutralized some Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) and destroyed some of their facilities in air strikes conducted on February 27 at a location referred to as the "S" Region in the heart of the Sambisa Forest in Borno State.

Air Force spokesman, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, in a statement said the airstrikes were executed in continuation of Operation Rattle Snake 3 after series of Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions.

He said the ISR showed that the BHTs with their vehicles, motorcycles and logistics facilities camouflaged under the dense forest vegetation had intensified activities in the "S" Region with a view to launching further attacks on civilian settlements and troops' locations in the area.

Daramola said, the ATF therefore detailed its fighter jets and helicopter gunships to attack the location scoring crucial hits, leading to the neutralization of some BHT fighters as well as the destruction of some of their structures.

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He said, the Nigerian Air Force operating in concert with surface forces, will sustain its air campaign to shape the battlespace in the North-East for the effective conduct of further ground and air operations.