

# How our airstrikes killed ISWAP terrorists in Borno – NAF

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3 The Nigerian Air Force yesterday disclosed how joint operations between the ground and the air troops led to the killings of scores of terrorists belonging to the camp of Islamic State for West Africa Province.

Although the military authority could not confirm whether the notorious ISWAP logistics commander, Modu Sulum, was among those killed during the operation, a senior military officer involved in the joint operation said Sulum was also hit.

NAF spokesman, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, told Daily Trust that the terrorists were heading towards Mainok, a community in Borno town, to wreck havocs with eight gun trucks before troops of Nigerian Army and Air Force jointly intercepted and hit them.

He said three aircraft - Alpha-Jets,

L-39 and MI-35, were dispatched immediately the military received an intelligence that the terrorists were on their way to Mainok to kill and maim in their usual style, adding that the troops later hit six out of eight gun trucks.

He said: "We're not aware of who and who, which terrorists were in that convoy of those trucks, but what we know is that, six of those gun trucks were successfully hit and it was a very successful operation. As at the last count, the Nigerian Army troops were in that area trying to mop up the exercise and our aircraft are supporting them.

"So, it was a successful joint operation, and it goes to show that as long as we maintain synergy and jointness (sic), the situation we are in this country whether it is in Northeast or Northwest, it's something surmountable. We've seen it and what the Chief of Defence Staff has been talking about on jointness."

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