

Scores of terrorists killed as NAF jets hit Shekau's successor's enclave

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Troops of the Nigerian Air Force have bombarded the enclave of the leader of the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP), Fiya Ba Yuram, in Sambisa forest.

The airstrikes, carried out on some specific targets at Tunbuns and Sambisa killed scores of terrorists hibernating within the enclave.

Fiya Ba Yuram succeeded the late Boko Haram leader, Abubakar Shekau, who was killed by a rival terror group.

After taking over the leadership of the Boko Haram Sect, he switched allegiance to ISWAP.

NAF spokesman, Edward Gabkwet, told reporters in Abuja yesterday that "the NAF won't, however, be drawn into the details of those neutralized."

One of the troops, who was part of

the operations, said on August 20, "NAF aircraft under the Air Component of Operation HADIN KAI carried out some strikes on terrorists' enclave in Sambisa Forest and the Tumbuns in Borno State with varying degrees of success recorded.

"Acting on credible and actionable intelligence, NAF aircraft were directed to an active location in Sambisa Forest believed to be the enclave of notorious terrorist, Fiya Ba Yuram. Fiya Ba Yuram is the current ISWAP leader of Sambisa Forest who took over the leadership following the demise of Abubakar Shekau.

"Please, note that the title 'Fiya' connotes the most senior position in the terrorist's military leadership structure. Note also that Yuram was an ally of Shekau until his demise after which he switched allegiance to ISWAP".