

NAF airstrikes destroy terrorists' food depot, kill scores in Lake Chad

The Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) has destroyed terrorists' food depot and killed several in airstrikes in their enclave at Jubillaram in the Tumbuns area of Lake Chad Basin.

This is contained in a statement by the Director, Public Relations and Information, Nigerian Air Force (NAF), Air Commodore Olusola Akinboyewa, on Monday in Abuja.

Akinboyewa said the NAF carried out the operations on Nov. 23 on the strategic location, identified through meticulous intelligence efforts.

He said the location served as a critical food storage site and a sanctuary for terrorist commanders and fighters.

He added that intelligence had

previously linked terrorists in the location to recent attacks, including the assault on troops in Kareto on Nov. 16.

According to him, the NAF fighter jets, in response, launched a robust air interdiction mission, destroying identified structures used as storage facilities and neutralising terrorists on site.

"Mop-up operations using cannons ensured the complete elimination of fleeing hostile elements.

"The operation's success was made possible by extensive Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions conducted over several days, confirming the presence of active terrorist structures camouflaged

under dense vegetation.

"The destruction of the terrorists' enclave, including food storage facilities, severely disrupted their logistical operations, while the neutralisation of a significant number of fighters diminished their capacity to launch future attacks," he said.

Akinboyewa said the mission had demonstrated the NAF's unwavering commitment to defending our nation and people, acting singly and supporting surface forces in counterterrorism operations.

He reiterated the NAF's commitment to sustaining robust independent and joint operations until all enemies of Nigeria's prosperity and wellbeing are brought to justice. (NAN)