

Air Task Force kills terrorists in Borno

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The Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole (ATF) in Borno State said it killed scores of Boko Haram terrorists, following Nigerian Air Force (NAF) intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance activities in two villages.

The fighter jets targeted Parisu and Takwala, where terrorists resided.

NAF's spokesman, Air Vice Marshal Olatokunbo Adesanya, disclosed this yesterday in a statement made available to journalists in Maiduguri.

He said the "multiple air strike operation" followed intelligence report on the presence of terrorists in some locations in the state. He said many terrorists were on Friday successfully neutralised.

"The ATF detailed two NAF Alpha Jet aircraft, armed with rockets and cannons, to interdict the locations. Overhead the objective, the NAF fighter aircraft acquired and attacked the objectives with rockets and cannons.

"At the end of the mission, it was observed that the attack platforms successfully engaged the remnants of the terrorists hibernating within the settlements and consequently neutralised them."



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Meanwhile, troops of Operation Last Hold in the state said it rid farmlands and the Lake Chad Islands of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

The explosives-ridden farmlands are located in eight Local Council Areas of Gudumbali, Mobbar, Marte, Gubio, Kala/Balge, Ngala, Gubio and Abadam.

Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen Tukur Buratai, who disclosed this while launching the operation at Gudumbali, the council headquarters of Guzamala, said the action was to fast track the movements of IDPs from camps to communities.

Buratai, who was represented by Chief of Operations and Training, Maj. Gen. David Ahmadu, said: “This operation is to move IDPs from camps to liberated communities to resume their farming and other economic activities in eight councils and the Lake Chad Islands.”



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