

# Many killed as military bombards terrorists' enclave in Sambisa forest

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**T**HE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) jet under the air component of Operation Hadin Kai (KAI), yesterday bombarded terrorists' hideout in Sambisa forest and the Tumbuns in Borno State, killing a number of hoodlums.

Acting on credible intelligence, NAF aircraft were reportedly directed to a location in Sambisa forest believed to be the enclave of a notorious terrorist, Fiya Ba Yuram, the current Islamic State's West Africa

Province (ISWAP) leader, who succeeded Abubakar Shekau.

According to a source, the title 'Fiya' connotes the most senior position in the terrorists' militant hierarchy. It noted that Yuram was an ally of Shekau and switched allegiance to ISWAP after his death.

On arrival at the location, the soldiers observed activities; hence, air bombardments were carried out on the location.

After successful strikes on the location, many terrorists were reportedly killed,

though it remained unclear if Yuram was among the casualties.

Similar air strikes were also undertaken in the Tumbuns near Lake Chad after suspicious activities were observed in the area believed to be terrorists' training camp. The targets went up in flames.

After the airstrike, there was pandemonium at the location, as surviving terrorists took cover under nearby trees, which were later struck by the aircraft.

Ability of the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) and other

security agencies, alongside their foot soldiers, to pick out key terrorists' targets for elimination is also indicative of the credibility of the intelligence provided, a source told *The Guardian* said.

When contacted, NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, confirmed the strikes, adding: "Yes, strikes were carried out on some specific targets in the Tumbuns and Sambisa with varying degrees of successes recorded."