


Insurgency: Military Air Strikes Damage ISWAP Camp At Lake Chad Islands

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The Nigerian Military High Command on Saturday, said that its troops in an air offensive at Lake Chad, have destroyed a camp occupied by the terrorists of the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP).

Brigadier General Bernard Onyeuko, Acting Director of Defence Media Operations, in the Defence headquarters (DHQ), said in an operation update, that the damage was inflicted on ISWAP by the Armed Forces of Nigeria, through the Air Task Force of Operation LAFIYA DOLE and Artillery Batteries of Sector 3 of the Multi-National Joint Task Force (MNJTF).

General Onyeuko disclosed that the camp was situated at Tumbun Fulani on the fringes of Lake Chad in Northern Borno State.


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“This was achieved in combined air and artillery bombardments conducted on 3 April 2020 as part of the coordinated joint offensive by the MNJTF to dislodge and completely rid the Islands (Tumbuns) of Lake Chad of terrorists’ presence and activities.

“The operation was executed on the heels of credible intelligence reports indicating that the ISWAP elements, with their structures concealed under the dense vegetation of the area, used the settlement as a base from where they plan and launch attacks.

“Accordingly, the joint interdiction mission was launched with a Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft coordinating the barrage of artillery and air fire towards designated targets in the settlement, destroying them and neutralizing some of the ISWAP fighters in the process”, he stated.

In a related development, Onyeuko said that the Air Task Force has continued to provide airlift support to troops of participating MNJTF national contingents, along with their logistics.

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He added that the NAF ISR platforms and helicopters were also providing aerial command posts for enhanced coordination of close air support missions as well as fire control support for independent ground artillery bombardment of terrorists’ positions.

He assured that the Armed Forces of Nigeria, in furtherance of the objective of restoring peace and security in the North East, would sustain the offensive against the enemies of our nation.