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Military Kills Scores Of Boko Haram Fighters In Borno Air Strikes

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The Nigerian Military High Command on Friday, said that its Air Task Force of Operation LAFIYA DOLE, on air offensives in Borno state, killed scores of Boko Haram fighters, just as two notorious armed robbers were also killed in Plateau state by troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of Defence Media Operations (CDMO), made the disclosure in his operations updates released to the media in Abuja.

General Enenche, who described the Borno air raid as “a precision strike”, said that the Air Task Force (ATF) was able to obliterate a Boko Haram Terrorists’ (BHTs’) meeting venue, along with other structures, and neutralized several of their fighters at Mainyakare on the fringes of the Sambisa Forest in the state.

“The air interdiction mission was executed yesterday, 2 July 2020, to mark the launch of subsidiary Operation LONG REACH II, after series of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions had established that a prominent building in the middle of the settlement was being used as a meeting venue, where the terrorists plan and launch attacks as well as house some of their fighters.

“Consequently, the ATF dispatched a force package of Nigerian Air Force (NAF) fighter jets to attack the location. The first jet in the first wave of attack recorded a precision bomb strike on the designated target, completely destroying it. Other compounds, which were also designated for destruction, were taken out by subsequent passes of the NAF fighter jets. Many of the BHTs were also killed as a result of the air strikes.

“The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar, who is in Maiduguri to personally oversee the conduct of Operation LONG REACH II, has commended the ATF for their dedication, dexterity and professionalism.

“The Defence Headquarters equally urges them to intensify the air offensive against the terrorists and all other criminal elements threatening the peace and security of our beloved country”, the CDMO said.

In a related development, the Coordinator said that in continuation of reinvigorated, intensive clearance operations aimed at decisively curtailing armed banditry and other forms of criminality in the North Central and North-West regions of the country, troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN neutralized some notorious armed robbers around Rock Haven general area in Jos North LGA of Plateau State.

“Sequel to actionable intelligence on the activities of a notorious armed robbery gang around Rock Haven general area in Jos North LGA of Plateau State on 2 July 2020, troops deployed tactically to the locality and engaged the robbers with superior firepower.

“Consequently, 2 of the criminals were neutralized while others fled in disarray, many with fatal bullet wounds. The corpses of the robbers, along with 2 locally fabricated pistols recovered, and other items stolen from their victims, have been handed over to the Nigerian Police authorities in Jos for further action”, he said.

General Enenche disclosed that the High Command of the Armed Forces of Nigeria had congratulated the gallant troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN for their dexterity and professionalism and encouraged them to remain resolute in curtailing the activities of criminals in the North Central Zone of the Country.



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