



•Aribike, widow of the late sports commentator, Deacon Ayo Ositelu, flanked by her children during the lying in state of their father at Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere, Lagos... yesterday.
Photo: Muiyiwa HASSAN.

18 killed as JTF pounds Boko Haram's camps

•Scores of others dislodged

TWO air raids by the military on Boko Haram training camps in Borno State have left 17 suspected insurgents dead. Scores of others were dislodged.

A security personnel also died in the raid while the camps were destroyed.

The operations in Sambisa Game Reserve in Bama Local Government Area and Farin-Ruwa Forest South West/East of Damboa Local Government Area, were carried out on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Joint Military Task Force

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Maiduguri

(JTF) said yesterday in Maiduguri that each of the two well sighted and fortified camps had dormitories, armoury, drugs store/medical, kitchen, vehicle holding area, latrine and water points (River).

According to the spokesman for the JTF, Lt.Col Sagir Musa, it was at the camps that the recent

attacks, killings and bombings in Maiduguri, Musari, Konduga, Biu, Bama, and Damboa communities were hatched.

The air strikes were launched by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) with the aid of helicopter gunships.

The strikes were complemented by infantry soldiers who engaged the terrorists in a gun battle which led to the deaths of the 18. Recovered from

the camps were six AK 47 rifles, two G3 rifles, three pistols, a Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPG), a RPG Tube and 20 RPG Chargers, two double barrel rifles, 2543 assorted ammunition, 33 assorted empty magazines, three Laptops ten assorted Motorola walkie talkies, 20 mobile phones, 40 assorted primed IED canisters, three bags of rice and two bags of beans, two jerry cans of palm oil, a bag of salt, a generator, light green uniforms (sewn and unsewn).

Mystery fire razes Odutola's Ijebu-Ode building