

Air Force neutralises Boko Haram terrorists in Borno

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The Nigeria Air Force (NAF) has neutralised many Boko Haram terrorists in Koleram, Borno State, it was learnt.

NAF's spokesman AVM Olatokunbo Adesanya said the operation was conducted on Monday following calls by the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 8 Division that ground troops came in contact with Boko Haram men.

He added that an Alpha Jet was deployed to provide Close Air Support (CAS) to ground forces.

The statement reads: “The GOC, therefore, requested for support from the NAF, sequel to which the Alpha Jet was scrambled to provide CAS. There was exchange of fire between terrorists and our ground forces.

“The crew of a NAF Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft established contact with the ground troops, and guided the Alpha Jet crew to the major source of fire from Boko Haram terrorists.

“Consequently, the NAF Alpha Jet engaged the target with rockets and cannons, neutralising the terrorists and destroying their weapons.

“The Air Task Force will continue to conduct missions, on request, to support our troops in counter-insurgency operations in Northeast.”