

Air Force kills Boko Haram terrorists in Borno operation



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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) said yesterday it had killed scores of Boko Haram terrorists in their camp at Ngwuri Gana in Borno State in air strikes.

NAF also said it neutralised suspected terrorists in the operation.

In a statement by its spokesman Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, NAF said the air operations were conducted after intelligence reports established the presence of insurgents in the area.

Daramola said: "In continuation of operations to seek out and destroy remnants of Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) in the Northeast, the Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation *Lafiya Dole*, on November 5, destroyed a BHT camp and neutralised several terrorists at Ngwuri Gana in Borno State.

"The operation was carried out based on human intelligence reports indicating that the settlement was one of the locations from where BHTs launch attacks against own troops' positions and villages around the general area of Kumshe.

“Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions later confirmed the presence of a large number of BHTs in the settlement and identified a suspected communications centre with BHT flag and solar panels mounted.

“Accordingly, the ATF launched a coordinated attack on various targets within the settlement, employing Alpha Jet and F-7Ni aircraft as well as Mi-35 attack helicopters, leading to the destruction of BHT communication centre and neutralisation of several BHTs.

“The NAF, working in concert with surface forces, will sustain the tempo of operations with a view to destroying all remnants of the terrorists in Borno State.