Air Force jets destroy ISWAP camp in Borno

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THE Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole has destroyed an Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) training camp at Kirta Wulgo on the fringes of the Lake Chad in Borno State under the ongoing air interdiction codenamed, "Operation Rattle Snake 3".

The air strikes, according to the Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, followed credible intelligence reports as well as series of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions, which established that some structures within the settlement were being used by the terrorists to house and train fighters.

"Accordingly, the ATF dispatched attack aircraft to engage the identified locations within the settlement. The fighter jets took turns attacking the target area and taking out the training facilities.

"The NAF, operating in concert with surface forces, will sustain its air campaign to shape the battlespace in the Northeast for the effective conduct of further ground and air operations," Daramola stated.

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The Air Force also recently destroyed compounds housing ISWAP terrorists in Kaza, Ngala Local Government, Borno State. Daramola, in a statement, said the Air Force achieved this through its ATF.

He said the airstrike was executed following intelligence reports that some ISWAP members, who relocated from nearby Tongule, have settled in the area.

According to him, the reports show that some ISWAP elements have set up camps in a cluster of compounds in Kaza, along with their logistics supplies.

"The identified location within the settlement was attacked by the ATF's fighter jets after confirmatory ISR missions showed a significant presence of terrorists.

"This resulted in the destruction of the structures and the neutralisation of some of the ISWAP fighters," he said.