

Scores killed as NAF jets bomb Sambisa forest

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THE Nigerian Air Force fighter jets have commenced heavy bombardment of Sambisa resulting in the death of many of the Boko Haram fighters.

The air strikes targeted at the “S” region in the heart of the Sambisa forest, also destroyed the terrorists’ facilities including vehicles and motorcycles hidden under dense vegetation.

According to a statement by the Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola “the Air Task Force (ATF), Operation LAFIYA DOLE has neutralized some Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) and destroyed some of their facilities in air strikes conducted on 27

February 2020 at a location referred to as the “S” Region in the heart of the Sambisa Forest, Borno State.

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“The air strikes were executed in continuation of Operation RATTLE SNAKE 3 after series of Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions showed that the BHTs; with their vehicles, motorcycles and logistics facilities camouflaged under the dense forest vegetation; had intensified activities in the “S” Region with a view to launching further attacks on civilian settlements and troops’ locations in the area.

The ATF therefore detailed its fighter jets and helicopter gunships to attack the location, scoring crucial hits leading to the neutralization of some BHT fighters as well as the destruction of some of their structures.

“The Nigerian Air Force (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.”