

Scores of Boko Haram fighters were killed and their hideouts were destroyed in airstrikes conducted by the Air Task Force of the Operation Lafiya Dole at Warshale in Borno State, the Defence Headquarters (DHQ) said yesterday.

The air raid was executed under the Operation Long Reach, following intelligence that insurgents launched attacks on troops and surrounding communities from the area.

Defence Media Operations Coordinator Maj.-Gen. John Enenche said: "The Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole has dealt another decisive blow on Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) in the Northeast with the destruction of several of their structures and neutralisation of their fighters at Warshale in the northern part of Borno State.

"This was achieved through airstrikes executed on June 27, 2020, as part of subsidiary Operation Long Reach after credible intelligence reports as well as days of aerial surveillance missions established that the settlement was being used as a staging area to launch attacks against friendly forces' locations and surrounding civilian settlements."