

ISWAP commanders killed in airstrikes

Two high-profile Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) commanders—Ali Kwaya and Bukar Mainoka—have been killed in airstrikes, The Nation has learnt.

According to sources, Kwaya and Mainoka were killed with their team at Belowa in Abadam Local Government of Borno State.

Belowa is among the remaining ISWAP/Boko Haram enclaves in the state.

A military source said: "The strikes became necessary after intelligence revealed convergence of some ISWAP leaders

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and fighters from surrounding areas for a meeting with the motive of planning attacks on friendly forces.

Accordingly, a mix of Nigerian Air Force (NAF) aircraft were dispatched to the location of the meeting at Belowa which was confirmed to be active.

"The location was subsequently engaged with rockets and bombs in multiple passes. An hour after the strikes, two vehicles conveying about 13 injured surviving terrorists to another hideout were struck through precision strikes by NAF aircraft."