

NAF air strikes kill terrorists, destroy four gun trucks in Borno

AIR strikes by the Nigeria Air Force (NAF) fighter jets killed many terrorists and destroyed four gun trucks in Ajigin and Banki Junction areas, Borno State.

The air strikes also destroyed terrorists' enclaves situated 1.9km South of Ajigin.

NAF's spokesperson, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, said this in a statement yesterday.

Gabkwet said the terrorists had hidden four gun-trucks under thick shrubs and earlier

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perfected plans to attack military locations around Damboa and Wajiroko.

He said: "During the air strike conducted on November 8, three of the gun-trucks were struck, as evidenced by the thick black smoke and fire from the trucks after the strike, while the last gun-truck was observed fleeing the scene of the strike.

"The truck was subsequently tailed for about 26km and thereafter disappeared under

a tree. The truck was subsequently struck and observed to be on fire with no sign of movement at the location.

"The destruction of the four gun trucks, along with the occupants, effectively degraded the capability of the terrorists to attack friendly forces and locals within the area."

Gabkwet added that air interdiction missions were also conducted at a location 7km East of Banki Junction on November 11. According to him, the location was a well-

known terrorists' enclave hitherto deserted, but suddenly active with high terrorists' activities and used as a logistics storage area and staging area to attack troops' locations at Bank Junction.

"The need to attack the location thus became necessary. Accordingly, NAF aircraft were scrambled to interdict the location. The aftermath of the strike revealed the destruction of the location with the logistics sites on fire," Gabkwet said.