

Air strikes kill 12 terrorists, destroy storage base in Borno

① **A**IR strikes by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) fighter jet have killed 12 terrorists and destroyed their storage base at Parisu, a location near Sambisa Forest, in Borno State.

The air bombardment was conducted on January 5 after the military observed movement of items suspected to be weapons and ammunition to the area.

NAF spokesperson, Air Vice Marshall Edward Gabkwet, made this known in a statement yesterday.

He said the operation was part of efforts by the military to clear the remnant of Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists in the Northeast.

Gabkwet said the military

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had once cleared Parisu of terrorists, but the convergence of the hoodlums within the location raised suspicion of their intent and plan, hence the directive to strike the location.

He said: "The aftermath of the strikes led to a huge ball of flames from two adjacent spots within the vicinity, while some surviving terrorists were observed scampering for safety.

Feedback also showed that 12 terrorists were killed in the strike and their logistics destroyed, thereby de-

grading their ability to attack soft targets and own troops."

Gabkwet said similar strikes were also carried out at a location about 1.5km Southwest of Tumbun Agiri within the Tumbuns in the Lake Chad region on January 6.

The NAF spokesperson said intelligence gathered over time revealed the continuous gathering of armed terrorists in pick-up vehicles and motorcycles, hence the go-ahead to attack the location.

He said: "The precision strikes on the location led to the destruction of vehicles, motorcycles as well as elimi-

nation of several terrorists.

"Prior to the aforementioned strikes, the Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai, on an air reconnaissance mission on January 2, struck some opportunity targets at Tumbun Alura.

"The targets, which consisted of three canoes, were observed loaded with suspected Premium Motor Spirit (PMS). They were subsequently engaged with a huge explosion observed afterward.

"Similar successful strikes were also conducted at Tumbun Buwari and Sabon Tumbun on terrorists' structures within the Lake Chad region."

NAF strikes destroy Boko Haram's ammunition supplier