

“The need not to let the opportunity of neutralising the terrorists thus became imperative.

“Subsequently, the terrorists were effectively engaged by NAF aircraft in several passes with several neutralised and the few survivors scampering in disarray,” he said.

Gabkwet said the air strikes by the Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai had on Saturday at Grazah in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State also yielded the requisite outcome.

He said the previous intelligence had revealed that Grazah, previously known as a hideout for terrorists, was converted into a logistics storage hub and an area for fabricating their Improvised Explosive Devices and other ammunition.

According to him, recent intelligence also revealed significant terrorists’ activities consistent with terrorists’ behaviour around some makeshift structures at the location.

“Consequently, air interdiction was conducted at the location with Battle Damage Assessment footages and feedback received revealing several terrorists neutralised.

“These operations, carried out deep into terrorists’ enclaves, will continue as these areas are believed to aid their recruitment, training and nurturing of potential terrorists.

“Attacking their logistics hubs also help in reducing their ability to carry out massive attacks, especially on innocent civilians and troop’s location.

“The provision of timely information/intelligence by the populace has also been key to the successes recorded and will remain so if sustained,” he added.