

NAF strikes kill 70 terrorists in Borno, destroy 83 illegal refineries in Niger Delta



Air strikes by the **Nigerian Air Force** (NAF) jets have killed 70 terrorists at Kwallaram and Arianna Ciki islands in Borno State.

The strikes were conducted on November 6 following credible intelligence about the terrorists presence in the areas, the Director of Defence Media Operations, Maj-Gen Edward Buba, said in a statement on Saturday, November 9.

General Buba said that in the past week, troops on operations across the country neutralized 169 terrorists and arrested 641 criminals.

He said troops also recovered 192 high caliber weapons, comprising 106 AK47 rifles, 38 fabricated rifles, 26 dane guns, one FN rifle, three fabricated revolver pistol, 11 locally made pistols, five pump action guns, one dummy AK47 rifle, and one unexploded RPG bomb.

The defence spokesman said troops recovered 2,970 ammunition, comprising 1,410 rounds of 7.62mm special ammo, 1,074 rounds of 7.62mm NATO, 67 rounds of 7.62 x 54mm, 130 rounds of 108mm, 101 rounds of 9mm ammo, and 146 live cartridges.

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Giving updates about troops onslaught in the Niger Delta region, General Buba said troops destroyed 83 illegal refining sites and arrested 40 oil thieves.

He said troops recovered 914,445 litres of stolen crude, 537,325 litres of diesel and 1,285 litres of petrol.

“Other items recovered and destroyed are 20 crude oil cooking ovens, two dugout pits, 42 boats, seven reservoirs, five drums, 50 storage tanks, three pumping machines, one speedboat, and 8 motorcycles, among others,” Gen. Buba said.

He said troops would continue to sustain offensive operations to eliminate all threats to the nation’s peace and security.