

petitions tribunal begins sitting today

cause chaos.

Nigerian Tribune gathered from security sources that a particular drivers

union in the state was mobilising to disrupt proceedings and cause confusion.

Efforts to reach the public

relations officer of the Ekiti State police command, Mr. Caleb Ikechukwu, was unsuccessful at press time.

Air Force destroys Boko Haram's logistics base, vehicles

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THE Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole, on Friday and the early hours of Saturday tracked and destroyed some Boko Haram terrorists' vehicles in their failed attempt to launch fresh attacks on ground troops' locations at Gudumbali and Damasak in Borno State.

The mission was initiated following intelligence reports indicating that a convoy of Boko Haram vehicles had been sighted within the Damasak - Gudumbali axis.

This was contained in a

statement issued by the Director of Public Relations and Information of the Nigerian Air Force, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola.

According to the statement, "Accordingly, a Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platform was dispatched to search for and locate the convoy of vehicles.

"The ISR aircraft spotted vehicles at a location 24 kilometres South-West of Gudumbali, heading to a northwards direction. Consequently, a helicopter gunship attacked the convoy.

"The helicopter arrived at the location and was vectored to the position of the vehicles, which at the time, were about midway between Nigerian Army locations at Meteale and Arege.

"Following communications with ground troops, the insurgents vehicles were identified, isolated and attacked by the helicopter gunship in successive strikes.

"In the process, four of the vehicles were immobilised and their occupants neutralised. The ISR aircraft continued to track the remaining five vehicles, which initially dispersed but later regrouped and continued their retreat to Tumbun Rego. They were subsequently attacked at their harbour location by the freshly rearmmed helicopter gunship; with three direct hits recorded on the vehicles.

"A follow-up attack on the newly discovered insurgents' logistics base in Tumbun Rego was conducted by two Alpha jet aircraft later in the morning on Sunday. The makeshift buildings and other facilities in the base were accordingly destroyed in the air strike."

workers at heart, we have not retrenched anybody, there is no embargo on employment, there is no embargo on promotions, we are paying backlog of promotional arrears, we are backing backlog of transfers and repatriation and the rest of them and we are giving them houses under FISH and the rest of them," he said.

Also speaking, Pepple, a former former head of service of the federation, after the meeting with President Buhari, said the committee would submit its report before the end of the month.

She, however, stated that the government's representative on the committee required a definite figure from government.

"Everything is on course but we need a definite figure from government and, of course, we have to carry the states along. So, we need those figures so that we can conclude on the figures we include in our report," she said.

BC hypocritical — Atiku

for Nigeria's economy.

"It is at once comical and pathetic that the Buhari government's statement called HSBC corrupt.

"It seems they are unaware that some of the record 12 trillion worth of debt which the administration has saddled Nigeria with is actually funded from HSBC.

"When they were taking their money, the administration did not know that HSBC was corrupt. It was

after the HSBC told the truth about the Buhari government that they knew that the HSBC is keeping looted funds," he said.

The former vice president noted that fact remained that Nigeria under Buhari had been adjudged as the world headquarters for extreme poverty by the World Economic Forum and the World Poverty Clock, as well as the British Prime Minister, Theresa May.

CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

This is to confirm that our deceased father, MR ISIAKA RAJI is the same person as MR ISIAKA RAJI OWOLEGBON and we, his sons, whom he referred to as Abiodun Raji, Olamide Raji and Lanre Raji are the same persons (and are officially known) as OWOLEGBON-RAJI ABIODUN SAHEED, OWOLEGBON OLAMIDE SADIQ and OWOLEGBON OLANREWAJU IDRIS respectively. All documents remain valid. General public take note.