

# NAF destroys Boko Haram camp in Borno

THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) says its Air Task Force (ATF) of 'Operation Lafiya Dole' has destroyed a Boko Haram camp in Ngwuri Gana, Borno State and also killed many of the insurgents.

Director of Public Relations and Information of NAF, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who disclosed this in a statement in Abuja, on Tuesday, said the operation was carried out on Monday.

Daramola said insurgents were also killed in the operation which was carried out on intelligence reports.

He disclosed that the reports indicated that the settlement was one of the locations from where the terrorists launched attacks on troops' positions and villages around Kumshe.

He said the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions

later confirmed the presence of a large number of insurgents in the settlement.

"Accordingly, the ATF launched a coordinated attack on various targets

within the settlement employing Alpha Jet and F-7Ni aircraft as well as Mi-35 attack helicopters leading to the destruction of BHT Communication Centre," he said.

The spokesman said that NAF, working in concert with surface forces, would sustain the tempo of operations, with a view to destroying all remnants of the terrorists in Borno.

## Obaseki receives 2018 Hajj report, assures more support

EDO State governor, Mr Godwin Obaseki, has received the 2018 Hajj operations' report of the state's Muslim Pilgrims' Welfare Board, with an assurance that the state government will continue to support Muslims in the state.

Receiving the report at the Government House, Benin City, the state capital, Obaseki commended the conduct of the 130 pilgrims who participated in the hajj and lauded the timely presentation of the report.

He applauded the support of the Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Hon-

ourable Kabiru Adjoto, to the pilgrims during the hajj as well as the pro bono services rendered by the board's chairman, Sheikh Ibrahim Oyarekhua, to the pilgrims.

The governor stressed that participation in the hajj is a special service to Allah and assured that he would study the report to see how more Muslims from the state could participate in future hajj operations.

Urging the board to begin preparations for the 2019 Hajj exercise on time, Obaseki said the state government would continue to support Muslims in the

state.

Earlier, the chairman of the board, Sheikh Oyarekhua, had commended the state government for its support to the board and for approving the construction of the Hajj camp in the state, which he said would soon be completed.

Oyarekhua explained that the support of the Obaseki-led administration had enabled Edo Muslims excel at the state, national and international levels, adding that the 130 pilgrims that participated in the 2018 Hajj returned to the state without any one absconding.