

Air Force kills ISWAP leaders while holding meetings

THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has said it has killed some key leaders of the Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) at Jubilaram and Alinwa in the Northern part of Borno State while they assembled for meetings.

Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, made the disclosure in a statement on Saturday in Abuja.

Daramola said the ISWAP leaders were killed in operations conducted on Thursday in air strikes carried out by the Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole under the auspices of Operation Rattle Snake III.

"The mission was executed on the heels of credible intelligence reports that some key ISWAP leaders had assembled for meet-

ings which were being held at two separate venues at Jubilaram and Alinwa in Marte Local Government Area.

"Accordingly, the ATF scrambled its attack aircraft to engage both locations, damaging the meeting venues and neutralising the terrorists," Daramola said.

He said the NAF, operating in concert with surface forces, would sustain its air campaign to shape the battle space in the North-East for the effective conduct of further ground and air operations.

Operation Rattle Snake III, which commenced on February 4, was aimed at targeting selected locations within the North-East in order to shape the battle space for more effective onslaught against the insurgents.