

NAF kill several terrorists including senior commanders in Borno

Destroy logistical assets

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THE Nigerian Air Force (NAF), High Command on Tuesday said that several terrorists, including their commanders, have been eliminated in a decisive blow against terrorism by the Air Component of Operation Hadarin Kai (OPHK) on the hideouts of ISWAP terrorists nestled within Kolleram village along the shores of Lake Chad.

This was contained in a statement made available to Defence Correspondents

in Abuja by NAF spokesperson Air Vice Marshall Edward Gabkwet.

It explained that the operation which was conducted on April 13, yielded significant success as the Battle Damage Assessment (BDA) post-strike conducted revealed the neutralization of over 30 terrorists.

According to the statement, "among those neutralized were some senior commanders such as Ali Dawud, Bakura Fallujah, and Mallam Ari.

"Additionally, numerous vehicles, motorcycles, and lo-

gistical assets were destroyed, severely hampering the terrorists' operational capabilities.

It added that intelligence gathered after the air strike further indicated that the aerial bombardment effectively obliterated a key facility within the Kolleram enclave, which served as a hub for the terrorists' food processing activities, including grinding machines.

It pointed out the success of these airstrikes underscored NAF's commitment to eradi-

cating terrorism and ensuring the safety and security of Nigerian citizens, adding that by neutralizing key terrorist figures and destroying their logistical infrastructure, the operation had significantly degraded the capabilities of the ISWAP group in the region.

"These airstrikes complement the ongoing efforts of ground forces in the Lake Chad flank and represent a crucial step forward in the fight against terrorism in Nigeria" the statement added.