

Our fighter jets attacked Boko Haram, killed scores – NAF

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Nigerian Air Force fighter jet

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The fighter pilots of the Nigerian Air Force have killed several Boko Haram insurgents in multiple operations in the north of Borno State.

The Director, Public Relations and Information of the NAF, Grp. Capt. Ayodele Famuyiwa, said in a statement on Tuesday that fighter jets bombarded a Boko Haram location at Kadari and killed an unspecified number of the insurgents.

Famuyiwa said that the fighter jets also carried out airstrikes on selected Boko Haram targets at Ngoshe on November 18, 2016.

He said that the airstrikes were carried out following intelligence gathered by an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance aircraft which spotted a large number of insurgents under a meeting at Kadari.

He said that the attack carried out by a three-ship formation of the Alpha jet was part of the Operation Rescue Finale of the Nigerian Army.

He said, "The Nigerian Air Force fighter jets have attacked a number of Boko Haram terrorist locations in northern Borno, killing several insurgents. On 16 November, 2016, an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance aircraft reported a gathering of BHTs under a tree at Kadari.

"An Alpha jet on armed reconnaissance was called in to strike the location thus killing a number of the insurgents and causing survivors to flee in different directions. On November, 18 2016, NAF fighter jets again carried out a series of coordinated air strikes against BHT locations at Ngoshe.

"The strike, carried out by a 3-ship formation of Alpha Jets against five carefully selected BHT targets, was part of Operation Rescue Finale by the Nigerian Army. A similar air strike was conducted on another BHT location near Kangarwa on 19 November, 2016."

He added that another Alpha jet was also in action against the insurgents at a location close to Kangarwa.