

Air force bombs Boko Haram hideout

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The Air Task Force of *Operation Lafiya Dole*, on Friday, bombed a Boko Haram hideout in Kaicungul, a settlement in Monguno, Borno State, killing some of the terrorists.

In a statement by the Nigerian Air Force Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, on Saturday, the attack came after NAF learnt that the village was being used as a staging area by the insurgents.

He said, “The ATF therefore detailed an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance platform for confirmatory surveillance of the location, which observed significant terrorists’ activities in the settlement.

“Accordingly, 2 Alpha Jet aircraft were scrambled to attack the hideout.

“The two aircraft took turns attacking the location, recording successful hits on the target, leading to the destruction of some of the structures as well as the neutralisation some of the terrorists.”

Meanwhile, the military has called on traditional rulers in the North-East to assist in the war against Boko Haram.

The Theatre Commander, *Operation Lafiya Dole*, Maj. Gen Benson Akinroluyo, made the call on Friday at the palace of the Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Garbai El-Kanemi.

Spokesman for *Operation Lafiya Dole*, Col Onyema Nwachukwu, in a statement on Saturday said Akinroluyo's visited El-Kanemi in continuation of his familiarisation tour of the North-East.

According to Nwachukwu, the commander praised the monarch for supporting the fight against insurgency in the North-East. ***Copyright PUNCH.***

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