

NAF neutralises Boko Haram commanders in Sambisa, airmen killed

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TROOPS of Operation Lafiya Dole have killed three insurgents, including two top Boko Haram commanders, Abul-Bas and Ibn Habib, during an ambush in Sambisa Forest, Borno State.

The two commanders belonged to the Abubakar Shekau faction and had been on the military watch list.

Abul-Bas was the second-in-command to Abu Fatima, while Ibn Habib was the commander in charge of Njimia and Parisu camps in the Sambisa Forest.

According to a statement on Saturday by the Director, Army Public Relations, Brig. Gen. Mohammed Yerima, the renewed offensive operations by the troops of Operation Tura Takaibango and Operation Lafiya Dole have continued to inflict heavy casualties on the Boko Haram terrorists and the Islamic State in West Africa Province criminals.

The statement titled, ‘Troops of Lafiya Dole eliminate two most wanted Boko Haram commanders in Sambisa Forest,’ said the troops also recovered three General Purpose Machine Guns, seven AK-47 rifles, a belt of ammunition containing 446 rounds of 7.62mm, one Boxer motorcycle and one Itel 2160 mobile phone, among others.

It stated, “Among the latest exploits by the troops of Sector 1 was the ambush by troops of 121 and 151 Battalions on Tuesday, 9 February, 2021, sprang at BHTs crossing point between Vuria and Guja settlements along road Banki Junction – Pulka axis.

“During the ambush, the troops neutralised three BHTs among who were two of the most wanted terrorist commanders known as Abul-Bas and Ibn Habib,” the army noted.

Meanwhile, bandits have killed some Nigerian Air Force personnel in an ambush in Kaduna State.

The incident occurred on Saturday, when the troops of the 271 NAF detachment foiled an ambush set up by a group of over 100 bandits at Ungwan Laya near Birnin Gwari.

Disclosing this in a statement on Saturday, the NAF spokesman, AVM Ibikunle Daramola, said the troops were able to fight their way through the ambush “killing dozens of bandits in the process.

“Unfortunately, some NAF personnel paid the supreme price during the operation, while a few others sustained varying degrees of injuries. The injured personnel are currently receiving treatment at the NAF Hospital in Kaduna.”

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