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Military air strikes kill terrorists in Borno

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TROOPS of Operation Hadin Kai have killed several terrorists in operations conducted between January 2 and 6 in different areas of Borno State.

During the operations

conducted near Sambisa Forest, terrorists were said to be moving objects suspected to be arms and ammunition to the area.

A statement on Sunday by the Nigerian Air Force Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Vice Marshal Edward Gabkwet, stated that the terrorists

and their weapons were subsequently bombed.

Gabkwet noted that a total of 12 terrorists were killed during the operation.

He said, "The convergence of terrorists within the location raised suspicion of their intent and plan, hence, the directive to strike the location. The aftermath of

the strikes led to a huge ball of flames from two adjacent spots within the vicinity, while some surviving terrorists were observed scampering for safety.

"Feedback also revealed that 12 terrorists were neutralised in the strike and their logistics destroyed, thereby degrading their ability to attack soft targets and their own troops."

Gabkwet also said following an intelligence report, the troops conducted an operation in the Lake Chad region, which led to the deaths of some terrorists and the destruction of their vehicles and motorcycles.

"Similar strikes were also carried out at a location about 1.5km South-West of Tumbun Agiri within the Tumbuns in the Lake Chad region on January 6, 2024. Intelligence gathered over time had revealed the continuous gathering of armed terrorists in pick-up vehicles and motorcycles, hence, the go-ahead to attack the location. The precision strikes on the location led to the destruction of vehicles and motorcycles as well as the elimination of several terrorists," the statement added.

FG wins control of inland waterways at S'Court

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THE Supreme Court has ruled that the Federal Government has exclusive control over activities on the nation's inland waterways, including levying and licensing operators in the sector.

The apex court held that it was wrong, unlawful, and illegal for states to seek to control the sector and impose levies on businesses operating in the nation's inland waterways.

The judgment was given in the appeal marked C/CV/17/2018, filed by the National Inland Waterways Authority, the Minister of Mines and Steel Development, and the

Justice.

The legal battle over the control of inland waterways began in 2012 when the Lagos State Government, in Suit No: FHC/L/CS/543/2012, dragged the Federal Government before the Federal High Court in Lagos.

Justice John Tsoho, who adjudicated over the case, ruled in favour of the Federal Government in 2014.

Displeased, the Lagos State Government approached the Court of Appeal, which overturned Justice Tsoho's verdict and ruled in favour of the Lagos State Government on July 18, 2017.

Not pleased, the Federal Government took the matter before the Supreme Court, which on Friday decided in favour of the Federal Government by nullifying the court of appeal verdict.

In its lead judgment written by Justice John Okoro and read by Justice Emmanuel Agim, the Supreme Court held that existing laws gave exclusive control of activities in the nation's inland waterways to the Federal Government through its agencies - the National Inland Waterways Authority, NIWA, and the Nigerian Maritime Standard and Safety Agency.

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