

NAF airstrikes kill terrorists, destroy strongholds in Borno

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The Nigerian Air Force, at the weekend, launched coordinated precision airstrikes targeting key Boko Haram enclaves in the Mandara Mountains of Borno State.

The operation resulted in the death of key terrorist commanders and the destruction of their strongholds.

Executed under Operation Hadin Kai, the operation focused on Wa Jahode and Loghpere, two long-established strongholds of the Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad faction of Boko Haram.

The area, known for its difficult terrain along the Nigeria-Cameroon border, had recently seen a surge in terrorist activity, including reports of a logistics buildup and the presence of senior JAS commanders.

A statement on Monday by the Director of Public Relations and Information at NAF Headquarters, Air Cmdre Ehimen Ejodame, said the strikes were carried out after intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions confirmed the presence of terrorist infrastructure.

Ejodame said, "In a major blow to insurgent networks in Nigeria's North-East, the Nigerian Air Force, under OPHK, launched precision air strikes on July 6, 2025, against key terrorist strongholds nestled in the Mandara Mountains, located in Borno State.

"The high-profile targets, Wa Jahode and Loghpere, have long served as fortified enclaves for the Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad faction of Boko Haram.

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“The locations, known for their rugged, mountain-covered terrain along Nigeria’s border with Cameroon, had recently witnessed increased terrorist activity, including reports of a logistics build-up and the presence of senior JAS commanders.

“The strikes followed confirmatory intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions revealing clusters of structures fitted with solar panels, black flags, and fortified compounds, clear signs of insurgent resurgence and preparations for coordinated attacks.

“In response, NAF strike aircraft executed a series of well-coordinated air interdictions, targeting and destroying high-value terrorist infrastructure including logistics warehouses, command centres, and defensive shelters.”

He confirmed that many terrorists were killed during the operations.

“Several terrorists were neutralised in the operation, effectively disrupting their supply chain and diminishing their capability to sustain further offensives.

“The Nigerian Air Force remains resolute to sustain the ongoing onslaught against terrorists and restore lasting peace to all troubled regions across the country,” Ejodame said.