

Troops, DSS kill scores of terrorists in Borno, Niger strikes

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THE Nigerian military recorded significant battlefield successes over the weekend as air and ground forces eliminated scores of terrorists in separate operations in Borno and Niger states.

In Borno, the Nigerian Air Force confirmed that a precision airstrike killed several high-ranking commanders of the Islamic State of West Africa Province in Arina Woje, a notorious insurgent enclave in the Southern Tumbuns.

The operation was

conducted on Saturday under Operation Hadin Kai.

According to the Director of Public Relations and Information for the NAF, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, the strike followed "a series of credible Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance sorties" that confirmed the regrouping of ISWAP fighters in the area following internal factional clashes.

"In a decisive blow to terrorist operations in the Lake Chad region, the NAF, operating under OPHK, conducted precision

air interdiction that neutralised several high-value ISWAP commanders and fighters. The mission, carried out on 27 July 2025, targeted Arina Woje, a notorious ISWAP enclave in the Southern Tumbuns of Borno State, known as a sanctuary for insurgent leaders," he said.

"ISR data revealed significant terrorist activity, including the movement of foot soldiers, reactivation of structures, and the concealment of possible command centres and logistics depots beneath dense foliage."