

# Terrorists attack NAF helicopter in Borno

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**THE** Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday said members of the Boko Haram terrorists attacked one of its helicopters conveying personnel on a medical outreach programme in Gwoza, Borno State. One personnel was injured.

The Mi-17 helicopter, which departed Maiduguri en route the venue of the two-day medical outreach programme in Gwoza, came under attack when terrorists attempted to bring it down.

The Director, Public Relations and Information, Group Captain Ayodele Famuyiwa, who made this known in a statement, said the pilot was able to fly the helicopter safely to its destination.

Famuyiwa said: "Following the attack, the NAF immediately scrambled a fighter aircraft and helicopter gunship to the location between Bama and Gwoza to neutralise the threat. Intelligence report by ground troops confirmed scores of BHTs were

killed, signifying that the air attack on the threat location was successful.

"The NAF has been con-

ducting medical outreach in the North East, as part of its humanitarian support to Internally Displaced Persons.

The latest of this effort was in Gwoza. This follows a similar effort undertaken recently for IDPs in Lagos area."



• **Monday Tony Okonkwo, a Nigerian arrested in New Delhi, India for alleged ingestion of 1.3kg of narcotics which he excreted in an India Hospital.**