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and the police service commission
would determine his fate."

NAF, Army kill

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① **THE** Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday said its fighter jets deployed in the counter terrorism war has killed many Boko Haram terrorists and destroyed their strongholds in its renewed onslaught against the terror group in the North East. The NAF said the killings and destruction of the terrorists' bases were made possible as it commenced Operation Thunder Strike 2 in the North East.

manders and commanders of army operations across the county at the army headquarters in Abuja, he said:

indeed, to be decisive where there is any breach of security before, during and even after the elections."

According to him, the huge seizures were the result of a planned operation by officers of different

inside the bags of rice. Tramadol can be hidden inside bags of rice," he said.

be given running grants but it is not so. They are made to depend on the public to assist.

kill scores of terrorists, recover weapons in Borno

② Similarly, the Nigerian Army said its soldiers on counter insurgency operations in the North East have killed scores of terrorists and recovered several stolen livestock from the terrorists in Borno State. The soldiers from Sector 3 Operation Lafiya Dole, in conjunction with 82 Task Force Battalion, were said to be on a long range clearance patrol at Gesada village, Guzamala Local Government Area of the state when they encountered the terrorists.

NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who made this known, said the ongoing Operation

Thunder Strike is an independent air interdiction operation targeted at selected Boko Haram terrorists' locations within the fringes of Lake Chad and Sambisa forest in Borno State. He said the operation is aimed at further degrading the remnants of the insurgents, curtailing their freedom of action and denying them bases from which they could launch attacks against our ground troops' locations.

Daramola's statement read: "The Nigerian Air Force (NAF), through its Air Task Force (ATF), has commenced operation thunder strike 2 against Boko Haram terrorists in the North

East. The operation, which commenced on Monday, September 3, 2018, is an independent air interdiction operation targeting selected Boko Haram locations within the fringes of Lake Chad and Sambisa forest in Borno State, with a view to further degrading the remnants of the insurgents, curtailing their freedom of action and denying them bases from which they could launch attacks against our ground troops' locations.

"On day two of the operation, September 4, 2018, air strikes by NAF aircraft resulted in the destruc-

tion of Boko Haram hideouts and neutralisation of scores of insurgents."

Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier General Texas Chukwu, said the soldiers recovered arms and ammunitions from the terrorists, who stormed the village to extort money and rustle livestock.

Chukwu, in a statement, said: "Troops of Sector 3 Operation Lafiya Dole, in conjunction with 82 Task Force Battalion," following a tip-off, embarked on a long range clearance and link up patrol

resulting in the killing of many Boko Haram terrorists in Gesada village, Guzamala Local Government Area of Borno State.

"The terrorists met their Waterloo when they came to the village to extort money and rustle livestock belonging to the villagers. Items recovered include some livestock and two AK47 rifles.

"Similarly, troops returned 147 livestock recovered from Boko Haram terrorists in Matasari village to their owners after proper screening and confirmation by the Bulama and Civilian Joint Task Force in Jentilo village of Kukawa Local Government Area."