

# NAF bombards Borno forest, kills scores of terrorists

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**THE** Nigerian Air force (NAF) said airstrike conducted by its Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai, in the Tumbuns area near Lake Chad, has killed scores of terrorists and destroyed their logistics bases.

NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Vice Marshall Edward Gabbwet, said the operation was successfully executed following intelligence that the terrorists had relocated to higher and drier ground after their hideouts were flooded and exposed by the persistent rainfall in recent days.

He said intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions conducted in the area between August 22-26, 2024, by the NAF, revealed that several terrorists with some of their salvaged belongings tucked within four makeshift accommodations and some concealed under trees and thick vegetation.

The statement reads: "In a major blow to remnants of terrorists hiding in the Tumbuns, near Lake Chad, the Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai successfully conducted an air interdiction mission at Jubilaram, in southern Tumbuns. The operation was made possible following the forced migration of remnant terrorists to higher and drier grounds after their enclaves became flooded and exposed due to persistent rainfall in the area in recent days. To confirm this, the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) conducted Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions over the location on 22, 24, and 26 August 2024, which revealed several terrorists with some of their salvaged belongings tucked within four makeshift accommodations, some concealed under trees and thick vegetation."

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airstrikes were authorized on the selected target areas, engaging and destroying most of the structures. A thick black smoke from one of the destroyed structures signified a storage area, probably designated as an armoury or a logistics storage area. Several ter-

rorists were also neutralized in the process.

"The success of this operation is a testament to the NAF's commitment to achieving its mandate and protecting the nation from terrorist threats. The excess rainfall

and swampy terrain may have inadvertently pushed the terrorists out of hiding, but it was the swift and decisive action of the NAF that took advantage of the situation to strike a significant blow against them. It is also important to note that

striking at the heart of terrorists' enclaves in Maiduguri goes a long way in destabilizing their center of gravity and diminishing their capacity to cause mayhem, especially on civilian targets.

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## DPO murdered by soldiers in Zamfara

**THE** Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Wasagu Division of Zamfara State police command was allegedly shot dead by soldiers attached to the Nigerian Army operation code named Operation Dadarin Daji.

The slain senior police officer Halliru Liman, was shot at a close range by a soldier at a checkpoint in Zamfara.

Zamfara state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Yazid Abubakar, said the deceased police officer was on his way to Birnin Kebbi in Kebbi State to attend a meeting when he was stopped on the way at Danmarke area in Bukkuyum Local Government Area of the state by military personnel attached to ODD.

Abubakar said the officer was allegedly killed on the spot by the military personnel, even after he identifying himself as a police officer.

In a statement, the PPRO demanded a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident so as to ensure that those responsible for the murder are brought to book.

He said, "On August 28, 2024, at approximately 10:30 am, SP Liman was brutally murdered by military personnel led by one Hassan, attached to OPHD Sector 6, Dan Marke area of Bukkuyum, Zamfara State.

"The circumstances surrounding this heinous crime are alarming and unacceptable.

"SP Liman, who was on his way to attend a monthly conference in Birnin Kebbi, was stopped by military personnel

despite identifying himself as a police officer.

"In a shocking display of aggression, Hassan pointed his gun at SP Liman and shot him in the head, resulting in his instant death. We condemn this unprovoked attack in the strongest possible terms and demand a thorough investigation into the circumstances

surrounding this incident.

"The military's actions are a clear violation of the rules of engagement and the principles of inter-agency cooperation. We urge the relevant authorities to take immediate action to address this egregious incident and ensure that those responsible are held accountable."

"The police and military must work together to maintain peace and security, not engage in violent confrontations that undermine public trust. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of SP Halliru Liman and assure them that we will do everything in our power to ensure justice is served."

## Crude theft: DHQ calls for transparency, adequate metering, others to end menace

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**THE** Defence Headquarters (DHQ), has called for transparency, effective and adequate metering from International Oil Companies (IOCs) and other stakeholders operating in the Niger Delta region to end the incessant cases of oil theft in the country.

The DHQ, said this has become necessary to boost its operations against oil theft and increased the country's daily oil production to two million barrels per day.

This is just as the DHQ, said it has intensified security measures in the region to end the menace of oil theft and other maritime crimes in the nations waterways.

Director, Defence Media Operations (DMO), Major General Edward Buba, made this known at the bi-weekly briefing on operations of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and security agencies conducted across the country in the month of August.

He said that the troops were also carrying out massive operations in the region to stop the menace and as well monitoring the diligent prosecution of arrested culprits.

He said that in the month of August,

"Troops destroyed several illegal refining sites and recovered stolen products. Troops also conducted offensive and counter/anti kidnapping operations as well as arrested suspected violent extremists in Mbo and Okobo Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State as well as Sapele Local Government Area of Delta States respectively.

According to him, the troops destroyed illegal refining sites and recovered 1,270,650 litres of stolen crude oil, 350,700 litres of illegally refined AGO, 220 litres of DPK and 1,000 litres of PMS.

"Additionally, troops discovered and destroyed 24 digout pits, two speedboats, 31 boats, 70 drums and 63 storage tanks.

"Other items recovered in-

clude 143 cooking ovens, two speedboats, three pumping machines, 16 vehicles and 119 illegal refining sites.

Gen. Buba, said that troops apprehended 17 suspected oil thieves and other violent extremists and recovered two assorted arms and 31 assorted ammunition.

While noting that ongoing operations across the country have significantly diminished the military capabilities of terror groups and denied the terrorist the ability to carry out major offensive at will, Gen. Buba, said "The situation experienced mostly these days are low level skirmishes and attacks on soft targets.

"We are aware that we are dealing with a shrewd, ruthless and brutal enemy, that must be stopped from their acts of terror. Accordingly, the armed forces is prepared to act with the relevant level of force that would be needed to dismantle these terror group

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