



## NAF: Hundreds of Boko Haram killed in air strikes

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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF), yesterday, said hundreds of suspected Boko Haram elements were killed during targeted air strikes in Sambisa Forest.

A statement by the Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Commodore Olatokunbo Adesanya, said the air interdiction followed the discovery by the NAF's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) platform, that suspected insurgents were gathering at Garin Maloma area in Sambisa Forest.

Specifically, the DOPRI noted that the F7-Ni, Alpha Jet and L-39 ZA aircraft yesterday undertook bombardment of the area.

The statement reads in part:  
“On September 1, 2017, the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) neutralised hundreds of Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) in Garin Maloma area in Sambisa Forest. A NAF Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platform had earlier sighted the BHTs who were gathered under some trees.

“Consequently, a combination of NAF fighter aircraft namely the F7-Ni, Alpha Jet and L-39 ZA aircraft was detailed to carry out air interdiction on the BHT gathering.

The Alpha Jet aircraft acquired and attacked the target with bombs, neutralising many of the BHTs. “Thereafter, the F-Ni aircraft immediately conducted a bomb attack, which resulted in the death of more BHTs.

The L-39ZA aircraft then followed through by strafing fleeing terrorists with rockets, killing most of them in the process. After the attacks, a few BHT survivors were seen scampering from the location,” Adesanya said.

In a related development, the NAF's spokesman has stated that, following presidential directive on the Benue flood; the Air Force had conveyed officials of the National  
Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to assist in the relief efforts in the flood-affected areas of the

