NAF uncovers new Boko Haram hideouts, kill dozens

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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday, said dozens of suspected Boko Haram terrorists were killed in aerial bombardment by two Alpha Jet aircraft. The aircraft, the NAF added, were deployed on missions upon discovery of fresh hideouts of the fighters in Garin Maloma, within the Sambisa Forest, Borno State.

The disclosure was made in a statement by the Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Commodore Olatokunbo Adesanya. According to Adesanya, the bombardment, which occurred on October 23, signalled the commencement of Operation Ruwan Wuta 11, designed to further decimate the capacity of the insurgents to perpetuate its bloodletting campaign anywhere in the country. He noted that, prior to the bombardment, several interdiction missions, including intelligence reports gathered through Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), had shown a regrouping of the fighters in dispersed structures.

The said structures, hemaintained, were engulfed in fire. Adesanya said: "The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has commenced Operation Ruwan Wuta II, as part of efforts to further decimate the ability of the Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) to freely operate in the country.