

Christian Life Ministry in Suleja, Niger State ...yesterday.  
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## Borno: NAF jets kill scores of Boko Haram fighters

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**F**ighter jets and helicopter gunships deployed on air missions by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday killed scores of Boko Haram insurgents in Borno State.

Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Vice-Marshal (AVM) Olatokunbo Adesanya, who made the disclosure in a statement, said separate bombardment on Tumbun Rago and Bogumeri, were occasioned by an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission across the northern and southern fringes of the state.

According to the DOPRI, the recently-acquired helicopter gunships also carried out mop-up attacks on fleeing suspected fighters.

"The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has intensified its air operations in the North-East and in the process, neutralised scores of Boko Haram Terrorists (BHT) in Tumbun Rago, a settlement at the northern fringes of Borno State bordering Lake Chad.

"During a routine Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission on 20 December, a NAF ISR platform sighted BHT activities at Tumbun Rago, occupied by Albarnawi faction.

"Accordingly, fighter aircraft and helicopters were detailed for air interdiction over the location on 21 December 2017. The fighter aircraft took turns to un-

leash their armament on the location.

"Battle Damage Assessment (BDA) of the attacks revealed that the targeted BHT structures were destroyed, causing fire within the location and neutralising scores of insurgents in the process.

"Thereafter, the recently acquired helicopter gunships carried out mop-up attacks on a few fleeing in-

surgents," Adesanya said.

He noted that the second bombardment was undertaken two days after the first.

He said: "Furthermore, the following day, on 22 December 2017, NAF neutralised a large gathering of BHTs South-East of Bogumeri also in Borno State, after a convoy of BHTs on motorcycles had been trailed to the location."

## Yuletide: Borno police embark on show of force patrol

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MAIDUGURI

**D**etermined to ensure a hitch-free Christmas and the new year festivities, Borno State police command in collaboration with other sister security agencies yesterday intensified pa-

trol and show of force and raid of criminal hideouts as well as black spot within the Maiduguri metropolis and its environs as well as the entire state.

The police in a press statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Victor Isuku, said in their resolve to create enabling environment for a peaceful Christmas and new year celebrations, the state police command had commenced intensive patrol and show of force in collaboration with other security agencies to enhance

visibility policing as well as raids of criminal hideouts/black spots across the state.

He said: "Motorists and Tricycle operators are warned to adhere to all traffic rules and regulations and eschew all forms of recklessness, including drug abuse and drunkenness while behind the wheels."

The command also warned the general public that a curfew was still in force in the state and as such vehicular movements during curfew hours was prohibited.

### CHANGE OF NAME

#### OLUSHOLA

Formerly **Adefuwa Adesola Obadijah**. Now **ADEFUWA OLUSHOLA OBADIAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

#### ABRAHAM

Formerly **Ibrahim Seun Ezekiel**, now **Abraham Oluwaseun Ezekiel**. All former documents remain

### CONFIRMATION/CHANGE OF NAME

#### OKE-ENIAYEWU

Formerly **Miss Eniayewu Folusho Bosede** now **Mrs Oke-Eniayewu Folusho Bosede**. Former documents

#### OGUNTUGA

Formerly **Miss Osiyoye Oluwafunmilayo Adenike** now **Mrs Oguntuga Oluwafunmilayo Adenike**.