

NAF jets kill scores of Boko Haram



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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday, said scores of suspected Boko Haram elements were killed in Borno State during an air operation conducted over the weekend.

Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Vice Marshal Olatokunbo Adesanya, who made the disclosure in a statement, said the operation was targeted at 'remnants' of suspected Boko Haram fighters who were hiding at Parisu and Takwala communities in Borno State.

According to Adesanya, the successful mission followed an earlier Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission, which discovered unusual movements and activities of the terrorists,

The NAF's component of Operation Lafiya Dole' is tagged Air Task Force.

“The Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation LAFIYA DOLE yesterday, June 15, 2018, successfully neutralized some Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) at Parisu and Takwala, both in Borno State.

“The mission followed the discovery, by NAF Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platforms, of activities of BHTs in the two locations. Consequently, the ATF detailed two NAF Alpha Jet aircraft, armed with rockets and cannons, to interdict the locations.

“Overhead the objective, the NAF fighter aircraft acquired and attacked the objectives with rockets and cannons. At the end of the mission, it was observed that the attack platforms successfully engaged the remnants of the terrorists hibernating within the settlements and consequently neutralised them,’ Adesanya said.

This was as he pledged that: ‘The NAF will continue to deploy its platforms to conduct intensive ISR missions aimed at discovering the locations of possible remnants of BHTs in the entire Northeast’.