

NAF destroys ISIS training camp in Borno



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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Friday said a training camp for suspected Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists had been attacked and destroyed during an air operation within Mallam Fatori in Borno State.

The NAF said the operation conducted by the Air Task Force (ATF) component of Operation Lafiya Dole, was conducted upon intelligence reports of activities of the suspected terrorists within the fringes of Lake Chad, confirmed during Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission.

It added that scores of the fighters were killed, with others fleeing with varying degrees of injuries, were “mopped-up”.

The Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who made the disclosure in a statement, said the operation was conducted on September 10.

“The Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole has recorded another major feat with the destruction of an Islamic State of West

Africa Province (ISWAP) training camp near Mallam Fatori on the fringes of Lake Chad in the Northern part of Borno State,” Daramola said.

According to him: “The operation was executed on 10 September 2019, based on credible intelligence reports and confirmatory Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions that identified a building on one of the Lake Chad islands that was being used by the terrorists as a facility to indoctrinate and train new fighters.

“The ATF therefore dispatched its aircraft to attack the location, which upon arrival over the target area observed significant activity of the terrorists.

“The attack aircraft scored devastating hits on the building completely destroying it and neutralizing the ISWAP occupants. The few other fighters seen fleeing the location were mopped-up by follow-on attacks.

“The NAF, operating in concert with surface forces, will sustain its operations against the terrorists in the Northeast.”