

Scores killed as NAF aircraft hits Boko Haram meeting venue in Borno



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The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) yesterday said scores of suspected Boko Haram elements were killed on the fringes of Sambisa Forest, following an attack on their meeting venue. It said the aircraft that carried out the October 18 ground attack, was deployed by the Air Task Force (ATF) component of Operation Lafiya Dole, after days of confirmatory intelligence, surveillance and response (ISR) missions.

The Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who made the disclosure in a statement, avowed the readiness of the NAF to sustain its air and ground assaults on enemies of the state.

“The Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole has obliterated a Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) meeting venue and neutralized several of their fighters at Ngoske on the fringes of the Sambisa Forest in Borno State,” the DOPRI said. According to him: “The attack was executed today, 18 October 2019, following successive days of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions, which were aimed at identifying locations housing the BHTs’ leadership as well as their rendezvous positions.

“Intelligence derived from the ISR missions led to the designation of 2 buildings within Ngoske that served as assembly areas for the terrorists from where they launch attacks against own troops positions and innocent civilians. “Accordingly, the ATF detailed its ground attack aircraft to engage the hideout, scoring devastatingly accurate hits which led to the complete destruction of the 2 buildings as well as the neutralization of several terrorists. “The NAF, operating in concert with surface forces, will sustain its efforts to completely destroy all remnants of the terrorists in the North- East.”