

# Air Force Jet Foils Ambush against Ground Troops, Kills 15 Boko Haram Terrorists

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- ***Again, troops clear terrorists in Bitta-Damboia axis***

**By Senator Iroegbu** in Abuja

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF), has successfully foiled plans by the Boko Haram terrorists to ambush the ground troops and also killed over 15 of the terrorists in the ongoing operations in parts of the North-east.

The Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Group Captain Ayodele Famuyiwa, in a statement yesterday, said the air component of 'Operation Lafiya Dole' has uncovered a plot by the terrorists to ambush the surface forces harboured at Doron Naira, north of Borno State."

Famuyiwa said earlier yesterday that a NAF King Air A350i Beechcraft aircraft on Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission sighted a group of terrorists in seven Hilux vehicles hiding under trees at a location along the axis of advance of own ground forces towards Kangarawa, north of Borno State.

Following this discovery, he said, an Alpha Jet was scrambled to attack the terrorists location.

He said: "The attack was successful as 15 members of the Boko Haram terrorists were killed and the whole vehicles knocked out.

"The casualty figure was confirmed by ground forces who subsequently consolidated on the gains of the air effort to pursue and inflict further casualty on the fleeing wounded members of the terrorist group.

"Troops also confirmed two gun trucks were among vehicles destroyed by the Alpha Jet as two AK-47 rifles, two RPGs and cache of assorted munitions were recovered," he stated.