

# Military Air Strikes Kill ISWAP'S Top Commanders, 21 Insurgents

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Military air strikes at the weekend decimated top commanders of the Islamic State for West African Province (ISWAP) and 21 insurgents around Lake T Chad Tumbun area.

The air interdiction, which was carried out by the air component of Operation Hadin Kai killed a top ISWAP commander, Mallam Buba Danfulani and 21 terrorists in the strike.

THISDAY gathered that prior to the execution of the mission, intelligence had established that terrorist training camps were located at Tumbun Kaiyowa and Tumbun Allura and the locations were believed to be the most active with ISWAP/Boko Haram activities.

This became evident after it was further established that projectiles fired on Nigerian Army locations in Mallam Fatori emanated from the two locations.

Consequently, the air component of Operation Hadin Kai deployed some aircraft to the location to degrade the insurgents' capabilities in order

to prevent future attacks on troops and friendly location while ensuring success of ongoing operations.

Security sources said the aircraft were deployed

for air interdiction at the locations and attacked the target at Tumbun Kaiyowa with bombs after which the location was observed to be in flames while few survivors

were seen scampening for safety. Another aircraft was redirected to attack Tumbun Allura with rockets and cannons.

Although the mission was

adjudged successful and 21 terrorists eliminated, there was uncertainty as to the rank and status of terrorists killed in the operations.

"However, intelligence

intercepted of late revealed that the air strikes took out 21 terrorists, including a top Commander, Buba Danfulani, along the fringes of Lake T Chad in Borno State.



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