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NAF fighter jets pound terrorists' base in Yobe

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- *Kill Boko Haram kingpin, 18 others
- *As troops rescue 67 captives
- *As Germany offers to help Nigeria tackle insurgency
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- By Kingsley Omonobi
- **ABUJA**— As part of the collective effort by the armed forces to expeditiously bring to an end the war against insurgency in the North-East, Nigerian Air Force Alpha jets last weekend successfully attacked suspected Boko Haram logistics base at Allagarno, killing one of the sect's kingpins.

This came on a day German Deputy Defence Minister, Dr. Ralf Brauksiepe, during a visit to Chief of Defence Staff, CDS, Gen. Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin, in Abuja, said his country was on the side of Nigeria in its determination to curtail Boko Haram insurgents.

While congratulating the CDS for the tremendous success recorded in the fight against Boko Haram insurgents in the North-East of Nigeria, Dr Brauksiepe also observed that the Nigerian Armed Forces had displayed exceptional competence and professionalism in the fight against insurgents and criminal elements in line with global best practices.

He said: "The German Defence budget in 2016 has increased and this is to ensure that Germany invests more in defence than it used to do in the past decades.

"As a result of this there is going to be growing engagements of German defence forces in Mali, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Liberia and other countries.

"This is in realization of the fact Germany appreciates peace and abhors violent conflict that causes destruction and misery around the world, we as Germans have enjoyed the peace dividends since our unification hence our contribution to global peace."

Director of Air Force Public Relations, Group Captain Ayodele Famuyiwa, who disclosed news of the rout of the insurgents, yesterday, in a statement said: "The target was selected after careful Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) by NAF Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle, UCAV.

“The mission, that was carried out in support of surface forces to further degrade the fighting capacity of the remnants of the insurgents, was successful. The target was probably an ammunition depot, a fuel dump or a facility housing other combustible materials.

“This effort is likely to create certain logistics constraints for the terrorists along the Allagarno axis. This is a follow-up to other interdiction missions previously carried out in Sambisa forest, Kumshe, Iza and other suspected terrorists' hide-outs.

Meanwhile, the army has said that elements of 22 Brigade Garrison carried out clearing operation at Dalore camp, Sunday, and killed 19 Boko Haram terrorists, including Ameer of Dalore.

The army in a statement signed by Col. Sani Usman said: “The troops also captured two AK-47 rifles, one small machine gun and one hand grenade and recovered four pick-up vehicles.

“The troops also rescued 67 hostages from the terrorists. The freed hostages are undergoing screening at Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, camp in Dikwa.”

		
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