

## Nigerian ISWAP leader, Ba'a Shuwa, killed



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The Nigerian military has recorded a huge breakthrough by eliminating the Nigerian leader of the Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP), Ba'a Shuwa, and scores of his terrorists in the North East of Borno during a major offensive. Ba'a Shuwa, was the ISWAP Leader of the Nigerian Wylayat, Lake Chad, Kwalfarji, Timbuktu Farouq and Sambisa Mantika of the ISIS affiliated Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP).

Reliable sources including Zagazola Makama, a Counter Insurgency Expert and Security Analyst in the Lake Chad region confirmed that the airstrikes carried out on January 2, 2023 at Kwatan Dilla, in Abadam LGA of Borno State had led to killing of Ba'a Shuwa including scores of his fighters.

Shuws was appointed in 2021 after Abubakar Shekau killed himself. He was Commanding terrorists in Chiralia, Markas Kauwa, Abirma, Buk, Abulam, Dusula, Abbagajiri, Gorgore and many other camps within the Timbuktu and Alagarno axis in the South of Borno.

Some of his top Commanding Officers included; Khaid Hanzala, Ba'a Idirisa, Rawana, Abou Ibrahim, Mallam Abubakar, Abou Aisha and Abou Khalid who was responsible for the recent attack on the electricity towers on Maiduguri-Damaturu highway.

Ba'a Shuwa and his groups of terrorists were mostly responsible for attacks, ambushes and IED/mine laying towards Damboa roads, Damaturu-Maiduguri, Askira, Buratai, Buni Yadi, Buni Gari, Gaidam and other parts of Borno and Yobe States.

The terrorists' hibernated in highly fortified hideouts under thick foliage and rocks properly concealed and camouflaged in order to evade air strikes within the Timbuktu Triangle.