

NAF air strikes kill scores of terrorists in Borno

● *Destroy weapon depots*

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In furtherance of air and ground offensives of Operation Hadin Kai to clear the Northeast of remnants of terrorists, fighter aircraft of Nigerian Airforce have bombed terrorists convergence points in the Tumbuns in Borno near Lake Chad killing more than a dozen terrorists

Director of NAF Public Relations, Air Vice Marshal Edward Gabkwet, who disclosed this yesterday, said weapons and ammunition storage facilities of the terrorists were also destroyed.

He said: "One of such successful operations occurred on January 5, 2024 at Parisu after terrorists were, for days, observed moving items suspected to be weapons and ammunitions to the area.

"Parisu, a location near Sambisa Forest, was once a terrorist enclave deserted after troops had cleared the area of terrorists' activities.

"However, the convergence of terrorists within the location raised suspicion of their intent and plan, hence the directive to strike the location.

"The aftermath of the strikes led to a huge ball of flames from 2 adjacent spots within the vicinity, while some surviving terrorists were observed scampering for safety.

"Feedback also revealed that 12 terrorists were neutralized in the strike, and their logistics destroyed, thereby degrading their ability to attack soft targets and troops.

"Similar strikes were also carried out at a location about 1.5Km Southwest of Tumbun Agiri within the Tumbuns in the Lake Chad region on January 6, 2024.

"Intelligence gathered over time had revealed the continuous gathering of armed terrorists in pick-up

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vehicles and motorcycles, hence the go-ahead to attack the location.

"The precision strikes on the location led to the destruction of the vehicles, motorcycles as well as elimination of several terrorists.

"Prior to the

aforementioned strikes, the air component of Operation Hadin Kai, on an air reconnaissance mission on January 2, 2024, had struck some opportunity targets at Tumbun Alura.

"The targets, which consisted of 3 canoes, were observed loaded with suspected Premium Motor Spirit, PMS.

"They were subsequently engaged with a huge explosion observed afterward. Similar successful strikes were also conducted at Tumbun Buwari and Sabon Tumbun on terrorist structures within the Lake Chad region."