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Nigeria is on the Rise: How Tinubu's Counterterrorism Security Surge and Economic Reforms are Transforming a Nation



President Tinubu's counterterrorism security surge, backed by a growing partnership with President Trump, is expanding in scope and delivering real results for the Nigerian people.

Last week, Nigeria's National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) [dismantled](#) a major methamphetamine syndicate in the largest drug seizure in the country's history, seizing narcotics and chemicals worth approximately \$363 million and arresting 10 suspects. The 48-hour raid [targeted](#) multiple facilities across Ogun and Lagos State, destroying an industrial-scale laboratory and confiscating 2.4 tons of methamphetamines, equivalent to millions in street doses.

President Tinubu [praised](#) the operation, saying, "*This landmark success is a strong message that our security agencies will not tolerate organised crime anywhere in the country, and that those who threaten public safety and national security will face the wrath of the law.*"

The crackdown is not an isolated victory. It reflects the Tinubu administration's broader mission to protect vulnerable communities and destroy the criminal networks that fund terrorism and fuel instability.

With drug trafficking and illicit trade [expanding](#) across West Africa, the stakes couldn't be higher, and the value of the U.S.-Nigeria security partnership couldn't be clearer. From counterterrorism to stopping international drug trafficking, Presidents Tinubu and Trump are [working together](#) to confront shared threats and strengthen the national security of both nations.

National Security Starts with Economic Security

In tandem with Nigeria's historic counterterrorism security surge, President Tinubu's economic reforms are delivering real progress, and the world is taking notice.

This month, global credit ratings agency S&P [upgraded](#) Nigeria's long-term sovereign credit rating from "B-" to "B," citing improving creditworthiness and stronger economic fundamentals. The upgrade, the [first in fourteen years](#), underscores a growing truth: Nigeria is on the rise.

President Tinubu's reforms are a key driver of the country's improved economic trajectory. Under his leadership, Nigeria has [increased](#) oil production and significantly [expanded](#) its domestic refining capacity, growing the country's energy exports. In 2023, President Tinubu [liberalized](#) Nigeria's exchange rate, eliminating a major barrier to foreign investment and restoring confidence in the country's financial markets. The results speak for themselves: the [World Bank](#) projects Nigeria's economy will grow by approximately 4.2% in 2026, while [S&P](#) forecasts real GDP per capita rising an average of 1.4% per year through 2029, a strong reversal from a decade of yearly contractions.

U.S.-Nigeria High-Level Meetings Signal New Era of Trade and Investment

The Trump Administration has taken notice. In April, Nigerian Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment Dr. Jumoke Oduwole met with U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer and Senior Director for International Economics at the National Security Council, David Copley for [high-level meetings](#) in Washington, D.C. to explore opportunities for increased American investment in Nigeria's energy and critical minerals sectors, partnerships that offer the U.S. a rare chance to advance both economic and national security objectives while deepening ties with one of Africa's fastest-growing economies.

Following the Trade Minister's meeting with Ambassador Greer, Olu Arowolo Verheijen, Special Advisor to President Tinubu, engaged with Jarrod Agen, Executive Director of the White House National Energy Dominance Council, to [discuss opportunities](#) for increased U.S. investment in Nigeria's energy sector.

As President Tinubu's counterterrorism security surge leads the way, both nations stand to benefit from deeper trade and expanded investment, built on shared values and national security interests. From security to trade and investment, Presidents Tinubu and Trump are working together to confront shared challenges and seize the opportunities of a growing U.S.-Nigeria partnership.

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