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When he's not spending his spare time representing West Virginians, Representative Riley Moore is the Nigerian opposition party's biggest Republican ally in Washington.

But this weekend, Moore went too far, [claiming credit](#) for President Trump and President Tinubu's highly successful [joint military operations](#) against ISIS leadership

in West Africa, after spending months actively undermining the partnership that made it possible.

On Friday evening, President Trump [announced](#) the elimination of ISIS leader Abu-Bilal al-Minuki, saying, "*Tonight, at my direction, brave American forces and the Armed Forces of Nigeria flawlessly executed a meticulously planned and very complex mission to eliminate the most active terrorist in the world from the battlefield.*" On Sunday, joint counterterrorism strikes [continued](#), killing an additional 20 ISIS fighters in northeastern Nigeria.

In his statement, Trump personally thanked Nigeria's government for the partnership. President Tinubu [echoed](#) the same.

Meanwhile, Moore took credit for the momentous operation while making clear he was not part of its planning.

Quoting his own post on X, Moore [said](#): "*Now, I am asking the Trump Administration to take forceful action to defend our innocent brothers and sisters in Christ.*" Moore [continued](#), "*This cannot be the final act though. We must continue to resolutely defend our innocent brothers and sisters in Christ from genocidal, radical Islamic terrorists.*"

As if this weekend's operations weren't doing exactly that. The audacity is breathtaking.

This is the same Moore who, just days earlier, went on The Michael Knowles Show and [claimed](#) U.S.-Nigeria security efforts had "*backslid.*" When Knowles pressed Moore on what America First actually means in this context, Moore [couldn't answer](#). Instead, Moore floated a [vague threat](#) that the U.S. would "*engage in a more forceful manner on this if the Nigerians can't figure this out.*"

So, where exactly is Representative Moore getting his intel, because the White House and Department of War are clearly not keeping him in the loop.

Days before the interview, Nigeria's National Security Adviser had just been in Washington for [high-level meetings](#) with Vice President Vance and Secretary Rubio, where both sides reaffirmed their commitment to counterterrorism cooperation and discussed efforts to strengthen the bilateral security partnership. The White House and the Pentagon were not keeping Moore in the loop because Moore isn't part of the strategy. He's a liability to it.



Nigerian NSA Ribadu meets with Vice President J.D. Vance in Washington this May.

It gets worse. Representative Moore recently [sat down](#) with “representatives” of Atiku Abubakar, President Tinubu's chief political rival heading into the 2027 election, who lost in 2023 amid serious concerns about his [personal character](#). They discussed, it seems, amongst many things, using the Global Magnitsky Act to target officials of the Tinubu administration.

His steadfast support has already required some [damage control](#). This February, Moore took to X to [clarify](#) that he has not actually called for the breakup of Nigeria, noting that dividing the country had “*not come up in a serious way*” in his meetings with activists and government officials, and that “*efforts to embolden separatists hurt Christians in Nigeria.*” How magnanimous.

Here's what Moore keeps missing: protecting Christians and supporting Nigeria's counterterrorism efforts are not in conflict. The region became a [breeding ground](#) for terrorist activity under President Biden. Now, President Trump has forged a steadfast security partnership with President Tinubu to end terrorism in West Africa; Friday's joint operations were just the latest success. Undermining that partnership with grandstanding and propaganda doesn't protect a single Christian. It just makes Moore a useful instrument for those trying to destabilize a critical American ally.

And for the record, Moore himself acknowledged the full complexity of the crisis, [saying](#): “*Yes, Muslims are being killed too, of course they are.*” It's a strategy we have seen before: the deaths that fit Moore's narrative get a congressional hearing.

The rest get spoken of with contempt, and selective outrage wins the day once again.

This weekend's operations are Moore's off-ramp. They are proof that Trump's strategy works, that the partnership with Nigeria is real, and that siding with the opposition accomplishes nothing except undermining American interests. The question remains: what will it take for Moore to see the light?

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