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Building on the successful U.S.-Nigeria operation that killed global ISIS leader Abu-Bilal al-Minuku on Friday evening, [joint counterterrorism strikes](#) in northeastern Nigeria intensified over the weekend, eliminating an additional 20 ISIS fighters.

These consequential operations underscore the deepening security partnership between the United States and Nigeria in the fight to end terrorism across West Africa. This partnership is protecting vulnerable Nigerians, including Christian communities, and advancing shared national security interests.

Following the strikes, Nigerian Armed Forces spokesman Samailia Uba reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to leading counterterrorism efforts in the Sahel, [saying](#): "*The Armed Forces of Nigeria will continue to aggressively defend the sovereignty, security, and territorial integrity of the nation. Terrorists who threaten our citizens, communities, and national stability will be located and defeated.*"

U.S. Africa Command echoed that resolve, [stating](#): "*AFRICOM remains committed to leveraging specialized U.S. capabilities in support of our partners to defeat shared security threats.*"

As these operations demonstrate, the U.S.-Nigeria partnership is delivering real results. Sustained coordination, intelligence sharing, and joint action will remain essential to dismantling terrorist networks in the region and ensuring lasting security for vulnerable communities across Nigeria.

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