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**A Model Military Partnership: The U.S. Reaffirms Its
Commitment to Strengthening Counterterrorism
Partnership with Nigeria**



Nigerian Security Forces patrolling in Plateau State. (Photo Credit: Philip "Flip" Holsinger)

This June, Major General Claude Tudor, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAFRICA), [visited Nigerian troops](#) in Borno State to reaffirm the U.S. commitment to partnering with Nigeria in the fight against terrorism. During the visit, Tudor commended Nigeria's troops for their recent successes and described the U.S.-Nigeria partnership as ["a model of effective military collaboration."](#)

Tudor [emphasized](#) that mutual trust, sustained collaboration, and a shared commitment to ending terrorism have been fundamental to recent counterterrorism wins, including the elimination of the number two global ISIS leader, and remain essential to achieving lasting peace in West Africa. He pledged continued U.S. support, including training, intelligence, and advisory assistance.

The partnership is [delivering tangible results](#): joint operations have dismantled terrorist networks, eliminated key leadership, and freed up Nigerian security forces to surge security support to the North Central States, where security operations continue. Sustained pressure in both regions and a continued partnership with U.S. forces are essential to end the fight against terrorism once and for all.

President Trump Celebrates Counterterrorism Wins

The Trump administration has also seized on these successes to reinforce its commitment to the U.S.-Nigeria counterterrorism partnership.

Speaking at the Faith & Freedom Coalition's conference, President Trump hailed the counterterrorism partnership's significant success, saying: ["As you know, we recently struck Nigeria and largely ended the slaughter of great Christian populations."](#)

President Trump then delivered a clear message to ISIS and their affiliates: ["They know that if they go further, the attack will be far greater....we hit them very hard; we knocked out their leader. We knocked out their second leader, their third leader."](#)

The commitment from both administrations is unequivocal: the U.S. and Nigeria will not stop until terrorism is eradicated from the country.

President Tinubu Pushes Security Reforms

In addition to bolstering international counterterrorism partnerships, President Tinubu is also strengthening and reforming Nigeria's internal security infrastructure.

The Nigerian military announced it will recruit [28,000 additional troops](#) to bolster counterterrorism efforts across the country. This expansion represents a major commitment to sustained operations and ensures Nigeria can maintain pressure on terrorist networks nationwide.

With support from President Tinubu, the Nigerian legislature passed [state policing reform legislation](#) that will expand local law enforcement capabilities and improve community-level security. In coordination with forward operating bases, these reforms are essential to breaking the cycle of violence by deterring attacks and allowing for quicker response times when violence does occur.

With these kinds of results, it's well past time for U.S. lawmakers and activists to get on board with the U.S.-Nigeria security partnership, instead of conditioning aid and consorting with Nigerian separatist groups. A united Nigeria, backed by a strong U.S. counterterrorism partnership, is the only way to protect vulnerable communities, including Nigerian Christians.

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