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Subject: Nigerian Government Attempts To Target Nigerian-Christians on US soil

Dear Ryan:

Hope you have been well since we last met.

As you know, I represent the Biafra Republic Government in Exile (BRGIE).

I wanted to flag for you the following new articles, which I alluded to in our talk, in which it has been revealed that the Government of Nigeria now is seeking the help of the United States in targeting Nigerian-Christian activists on U.S. Soil. In particular, it has been leaked in breaking news stories that Nigeria is seeking to have the US sanction and possibly extradite the Prime Minister of the Biafra Republic Government in Exile, Ogechukwu Nkere, the leader of Nigeria's largest Christian independence movement, whom I represent. Eminent personalities, such as former United States Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Ambassador Tibor Nagy, have already condemned Nigeria's attempts.

We are working on a House letter with several members of Congress, and we are looking at a parallel measure in the Senate. It is bad enough that Nigeria is persecuting its Christians—it is even more unacceptable if it is now trying to bring its Christian persecution to the United States.

<https://huhuonline.com/index.php/home-4/huhuonline-more-news/18116-exclusive-tinubu-seeks-extradition-of-us-based-biafra-leader>

Sincerely,

Elias Gerasoulis

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Abuja tries to get Washington to pursue Biafran independence movement leader

Based in the United States, where he conducts intense lobbying, the prime minister of the Biafran government in exile has come under the scrutiny of the Nigerian financial intelligence unit.



An anti-Nigerian government protester in London, on 18 March 2026. © Dan Kitwood/Getty/AFP

Determined to combat jihadist groups in the Lake Chad area, the **Trump** administration has increased exchanges with the teams of Nigerian President **Bola Tinubu** in recent weeks. On the agenda for discussions: arms orders, intelligence sharing, and the establishment of joint military operations. At the

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same time, Abuja also hopes to take advantage of the opportunity to promote its security agenda in the south-east of the country.

Under the impetus of National Security Adviser **Nuhu Ribadu** Nigeria wants to intensify its fight against the Biafra independence movement, the **Indigenous People of Biafra** (IPOB), classified as a terrorist organisation by Abuja since 2017. Founded in 2014 by **Nnamdi Kanu**, this organisation can draw on support from across the Atlantic, notably from the **Biafra Republic Government in Exile** (BGIE).

Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) agents are trying to persuade their counterparts at the US Treasury to impose sanctions on this organisation's representatives, including **Ogechukwu Nkere**, its prime minister since January. The NFIU accuses the American-Nigerian of financing the activities of the Biafran separatists. When contacted by Africa Intelligence, Nkere stated that "such actions would constitute a cynical misuse of frameworks to target a legitimate self-determination and independence movement representing millions of Christians from Southeast Nigeria".

"Christian genocide"

For its part, the BRGIE, which has enlisted the services of the American lobbying firm **Washington & Madison**, founded by **Elias Gerasoulis**, a former member of **Moran Global Strategies**, is attempting to gain the support of the American administration in its fight for the independence of Biafra. Nkere states that he wishes to "push for crushing US sanctions on Nigeria for [its] designation of the Biafran Independence movement as terrorism and for attempting to engage in transnational repression".

Nkere has managed to attract the attention of Republicans, such as the senator from Texas, **Ted Cruz** ([AI, 15/10/25](#)) by using the argument of an alleged "Christian genocide" taking place in Nigeria ([AI, 19/07/24](#)). It was in the name of these mass killings specifically targeting Christians that Donald Trump ordered strikes on Sokoto State (North-West) on the night of 25 December 2025, followed by the deployment of around a hundred soldiers to train the Nigerian army as well as several drones in Bauchi State (North-East) during the first quarter of 2026.

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In 2024, Abuja had already secured from Finland the arrest of activist **Simon Ekpa**, Nkere's predecessor as head of the Biafran executive in exile. Established in Europe since 2007, he was sentenced in September 2025 by the Finnish courts to six years in prison for terrorism-related offences after having "attempted to promote the independence of the so-called Biafra region in south-eastern Nigeria by illegal means". The Nigerian authorities had repeatedly tried to obtain his extradition before he was finally arrested.

The founder of IPOB, Nnamdi Kanu, has been imprisoned in Nigeria since 2021 after being extradited from Kenya. He was sentenced to life imprisonment on 20 November 2025, during a trial held in Abuja. His movement regularly calls for a general strike, or sit-at-home, among the population of the south-east of the country where the Biafran war claimed nearly two million lives between 1967 and 1970.

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