

Nigeria Confirms Joint Airstrikes With United States Against IS Militants



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Abuja, December 26— Nigeria has confirmed that its armed forces, working in coordination with the United States, carried out targeted airstrikes against Islamic State-linked militants operating in the country's northwestern region.

According to an official statement, the operation forms part of Nigeria's ongoing security

cooperation with international partners aimed at countering terrorism and violent extremism.

Authorities said the strikes were precision-based and focused on identified militant positions, though details regarding casualties were not disclosed.

Nigeria's foreign ministry described the action as a result of sustained intelligence sharing and joint efforts to weaken terrorist networks threatening national and regional security. The Nigerian military separately confirmed the operation, underscoring its commitment to confronting extremist groups across affected areas.

The confirmation follows remarks by US President Donald Trump, who stated that he had authorized a strong military response against Islamic State elements in Nigeria. Officials in Abuja emphasized that collaboration with global partners remains critical in addressing security challenges and preventing the spread of extremist violence.