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U.S. Christmas bombing of Nigeria to reassert control in West Africa

By Gary Wilson



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On Christmas Day 2025, while much of the world marked a religious holiday, U.S. warplanes carried out airstrikes in Nigeria's Sokoto State. Washington described the operation as a precise counter-terrorism mission against ISIS-linked fighters, framed as an urgent response to attacks on Christian communities.

That explanation conceals the real political meaning of the strikes. Far from a limited security action, the bombing represents a renewed intervention by U.S. imperialism aimed at reasserting control over West Africa – using military force to discipline states, secure access to resources, and contain the spread of anti-imperialist independence movements in the Sahel.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and largest

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Map of Nigeria highlighting Sokoto State, site of U.S. Christmas airstrikes, and Zamfara State, a neighboring region affected by ongoing violence in northwest Nigeria.



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