

Launches, from A2

Nigeria fights several armed groups

Nigeria is battling multiple armed groups, including at least two affiliated with IS, an offshoot of the Boko Haram extremist group known as the Islamic State West Africa Province in the northeast, and the less-known Lakurawa group prominent in the northwestern states, where the gangs use large swathes of forests as hideouts.

Security analysts said the target of the U.S. strikes could be the Lakurawa group, which in the last year has increasingly become lethal in the region, often targeting remote communities and security forces.

"Lakurawa is a group that is actually controlling territories in Nigeria, in Sokoto state and in other states like Kebbi," said Malik Samuel, a Nigerian security researcher at Good Governance Africa. "In the northwest, there has been the incursion of violent extremist groups that are ideologically driven," he said, blaming the incursion on the near absence of the state and security forces in hot spots.

Violence affecting Nigerians

Trump said the airstrikes were launched against IS militants "who have been targeting and viciously killing, primarily, innocent Christians." Residents and security analysts have said Nigeria's security crisis affects both Christians, predominant in the south, and Muslims, who are the majority in the north.

"Terrorist violence in any form, whether directed at

Christians, Muslims or other communities, remains an affront to Nigeria's values and to international peace and security," the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Nigeria's government has previously said in response to Trump's criticisms that people of many faiths, not just Christians, have suffered attacks at the hands of extremist groups.

US measures affecting Nigeria

Trump ordered the Pentagon last month to begin planning for potential military action in Nigeria to try and curb what he called Christian persecution. The State Department recently announced it would restrict visas for Nigerians and their family members involved in killing Christians there.

And the U.S. recently designated Nigeria a "country of particular concern" under the International Religious Freedom Act.

Trump said U.S. defense officials had "executed numerous perfect strikes, as only the United States is capable of doing" and added that "our Country will not allow Radical Islamic Terrorism to prosper."

Nigeria's population of 220 million is split almost equally between Christians and Muslims. The country has long faced insecurity from various fronts, including Boko Haram, which seeks to establish its radical interpretation of Islamic law and has also targeted Muslims it deems not Muslim enough.

But attacks in Nigeria often have varying motives. There are religiously motivated ones targeting both Christians and Muslims, clashes between farmers and herders over dwindling resources, communal rivalries, secessionist groups and ethnic clashes.

The U.S. security footprint has diminished in Africa, where military partnerships have either been scaled down or canceled. U.S. forces likely would have to be drawn from other parts of the world for any larger-scale military intervention in Nigeria.

Trump has nonetheless kept up the pressure as Nigeria faced a series of attacks on schools and churches in violence that experts and residents say targets both Christians and Muslims.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth posted Thursday night on X: "The President was clear last month: the killing of innocent Christians in Nigeria (and elsewhere) must end."

Hegseth said that U.S. military forces are "always ready, so ISIS found out tonight — on Christmas" and added, "More to come...Grateful for Nigerian government support & cooperation" before signing off, "Merry Christmas!"

Associated Press writer Konstantin Toropin in Washington, and Chinedu Asadu in Abuja, Nigeria, contributed to this report.

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Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Marshall County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of the Marshall County Council will meet in Room 203 of the County Building at 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th day of January, 2026 and will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for 2026:

General

Sheriff	Radios & Accessories	1000-005-40-0083	\$152,355.00
Commissioners	MCRSD Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)	1000-068-30-0119	\$2,000,000.00
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	Training (Reimb)	1000-271-30-0043	\$3,000.00
	Public Defender	1000-271-30-0044	\$576,240.00
	Administrative Services (Reimb)	1000-271-30-0046	\$30,000.00
	GAL (Non-Reimb)	1000-271-30-0047	\$30,000.00
	Interpreter-Court (Non-Reimb)	1000-271-30-0048	\$12,000.00
	Interpreter-Assist Attorney (Reimb)	1000-271-30-0049	\$3,000.00
	Conflict-Hourly Pay Cases (Non-Reimb)	1000-271-30-0050	\$35,000.00
	Transcripts (Non-Reimb)	1000-271-30-0052	\$20,000.00
	Psychiatrist (Non-Reimb) First Two	1000-271-30-0053	\$10,000.00
	Total		\$2,873,595.00
Cum Cap Development	Machinery & Equipment	1138-001-40-0080	\$45,250.00
	Total		\$45,250.00
IOCS PreTrial Grant	Wages-PreTrial Intake Specialist	9013-007-10-0143	\$52,126.20
	Wages-Probation Officer Pretrial	9013-007-10-0144	\$60,725.70
	Employer Social Security	9013-007-10-0201	\$8,633.39
	Group Health Insurance	9013-007-10-0202	\$12,167.90
	Group Life Insurance	9013-007-10-0203	\$365.40
	Employer PERF	9013-007-10-0204	\$12,639.41
	Staff Training	9013-007-30-0073	\$500.00
	Total		\$147,158.00
IOCS Problem Solving Court Incentives	Graduation Supplies	9015-001-20-0012	\$1,300.00
	Drug Testing Supplies	9015-001-20-0013	\$500.00
	Peer Recovery Workbooks	9015-001-20-0015	\$1,000.00
	MRT Books	9015-001-20-0017	\$300.00
	Participant Transportation	9015-001-20-0018	\$200.00
		9015-001-30-0017	\$400.00
	Total		\$3,700.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have the right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of Funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified copy of the action taken. Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5 information regarding the proposed additional appropriation will be posted to Gateway <https://gateway.ifonline.org/>

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARSHALL
IN THE MARSHALL SUPERIOR NO. 1 COURT
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IRVIN L. KAYLOR
ESTATE NO. 50D01-2512-EU-000066

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION (PUBLICATION)

Notice is given that on this date *Kristy E. Barehead* was/were appointed personal representative(s) of the Estate of **Irvin L. Kaylor** who died on September 12, 2025.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file their claims in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated and signed at Plymouth, Indiana, on December 12, 2025.

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Alcohol & Tobacco Commission

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcohol Beverage Board of Marshall County, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 am on January 06, 2026 at the Marshall County Building, Commissioner's Office, 112 W. Jefferson St. in the city of Plymouth, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein. To watch the hearing, visit <https://www.in.gov/atc/public-meetings/local-board-hearings>

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2 BRYANJ HOWARD
02/11/2019
1 Joel R. Fisher 01/08/ 2024
3 MARIA M KELLER
02/23/2004

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