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**ABU-BILAL AL-MINUKE, SECOND-IN-COMMAND OF ISIS, HAS BEEN KILLED IN A JOINT OPERATION BY NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

A Joint Operation by the Nigerian Military and the United States Africa Command has killed Abu-Bilal Al-Minuki, the Second-in-Command of ISIS, in the Lake Chad Area. The operation was carried out a few hours ago after meticulous planning and successful execution by the Armed Forces of the two Countries.

Abu-Bilal Al-Minuki was responsible for some of the recent attacks on Military formations in the North East.

Special thanks to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for his commitment to keeping Nigeria safe and high commendations to the Government of the United States of America for their partnership and support in the fight against terrorism in Nigeria.

**Signed:**

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