



Weekly Report

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Nigerian abducted girls' families fast losing hope of rescue

- The families of more than 230 Nigerian schoolgirls abducted by Islamist insurgents last week say they are losing hope of seeing their daughters again despite government assurances they will be found.
- The girls, mostly between 16 and 18, were rounded up at gunpoint after militants overpowered a military guard assigned to the boarding school in Chibok, in north-eastern Borno state.
- Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/apr/25/nigeria-schoolgirls-families-hopes-fade>

Nigerian leaders unite against Boko Haram

- President Goodluck Jonathan held a security meeting with governors of 36 states straddling Nigeria's largely Christian south and mostly Muslim north to seek ways of ending the Islamists' five-year-old insurgency.
- "We agreed that the Boko Haram war is not a religious war and therefore it's a war against all Nigerians and should be treated as such," a statement said after the meeting.
- Source: Reuters

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/04/24/uk-nigeria-bokoharam-idUKBREA3N25P20140424>

"The mass abduction underlines how even the vast military might of a country that has long been a regional peacekeeping giant is failing to contain the insurgency raging in the north-east of Africa's most populous country. Tens of thousands of civilians fleeing the vast, arid north say they are caught between the militants and brutal army reprisals."

UN condemns Nigeria bus bombing

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon condemned the bus bombing that killed at least 71 in Abuja, and injured some 124 others.
- The explosion took place during the morning rush hour at the Nyanya bus terminal. Islamist militant group Boko Haram has since claimed responsibility for the attack.
- Ban urged all states, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with the Nigerian authorities to bring the perpetrators to justice.
- Source: All Africa

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201404150858.html>