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Nigeria gunmen burn church and kill villagers

- Gunmen have killed at least 8 people and burned down a church in attacks on 2 villages in Nigeria's central Plateau state, a security official has said.
- Officers said they were investigating who was behind the raids in Nigeria's "Middle Belt," where its largely Muslim north and Christian south meet - a common target for violence.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/06/nigeria-gunmen-burn-church-kill-villagers-20146111606283773.html>

"If you get all of them back, I will consider it a near-miracle... Do you think they (Boko Haram) will hold all of them together up till now? The logistics for them to do that, holding over 200 girls together, is too much." – Former President of Nigeria Olusegun Obasanjo

Some abducted schoolgirls may never return - Nigerian ex-president

- Nigeria's influential former president Olusegun Obasanjo said that some of the schoolgirls abducted by militant group Boko Haram may never return home. Obasanjo said President Goodluck Jonathan's administration had taken too long to respond to the April mass abduction.
- His criticisms underline divisions within his and Jonathan's ruling People's Democratic Party, heightened by the failure of the government and army to rescue the girls and by political jostling ahead of the presidential elections in 2015.
- Source: Reuters

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/06/13/uk-nigeria-violence-schoolgirls-idINKBN0EO10A20140613northeast-nigeria-police/article19039578/>

Nigeria's neighbours to tighten net around Boko Haram

- British Foreign Secretary William Hague announced new measures agreed upon by Nigeria's neighbours, along with the United States, Britain and France, to defeat the militant group Boko Haram and find the more than 200 girls they are holding hostage.
- Benin, Chad, Cameroon and Niger have agreed to help by pooling intelligence and forming a task force to better enforce their shared borders and shut down all escape routes for the militant group. The task force will be activated immediately.
- Source: NBC News

<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/missing-nigeria-schoolgirls/nigerias-neighbors-tighten-net-around-boko-haram-n129806>