



# Weekly Report

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## Nigeria

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### ***Blasts at market kill 118 in central Nigeria***

- At least 118 people were killed Tuesday, May 20 in twin blasts at a market in the central Nigerian city of Jos. The explosions went off some 20 to 30 minutes apart, setting fire to the entire venue.
- In a statement, President Goodluck Jonathan condemned the bombings as a “tragic assault on human freedom” and described those behind them as “cruel and evil.”
- Source: CNN

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/21/world/africa/nigeria-blasts/>

### ***Boko Haram kill 27 in village attacks near kidnapping site***

- Boko Haram extremists have killed 27 people in brazen attacks on two more villages near Chibok school, the place where they kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls last month.
- The attacks occurred on May 19 and 20, but were only reported on May 21. Witnesses said the gunmen arrived on motorcycles, and torched every building in the villages.
- Source: BBC News

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-27498598>

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*“President Jonathan assures all Nigerians that the government remains fully committed to winning the war against terror, and this administration will not be cowed by the atrocities of enemies of human progress and civilization.” – Statement by President Goodluck Jonathan, May 20*

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### ***US deploys 80 troops to Chad to help find kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls***

- The United States has deployed 80 troops to Chad to augment efforts to find the Nigerian schoolgirls recently taken hostage, the White House announced on Wednesday May 21. This marks a significant escalation of Washington’s contribution to a crisis that has created global consternation.
- The force, made up of largely Air Force personnel, will conduct surveillance flights and operate drone aircraft but will not participate in ground searches, according to US military officials.
- Source: The Washington Post

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-deploys-80-military-personnel-to-chad/2014/05/21/edd7d21a-e11d-11e3-810f-764fe508b82d\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-deploys-80-military-personnel-to-chad/2014/05/21/edd7d21a-e11d-11e3-810f-764fe508b82d_story.html)