



Weekly Report

Nigeria

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Hundreds killed in Boko Haram raid on unguarded Nigerian town

- The latest insurgent attack in Nigeria targeted the town of Gamboru Ngala. Gunmen burned buildings and fired on civilians as they tried to flee. Nigerian senator Ahmed Zanna put the death toll at 300, citing information provided by locals.
- Zanna said the town had been left unguarded because soldiers based there had been redeployed north towards Lake Chad in an effort to rescue the schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram.
- Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/08/boko-haram-massacre-nigeria-gamboru-ngala>

Nigeria schoolgirls: US constrained in helping Nigeria find Boko Haram captives

- Both the U.S. and Canada have extended help to Nigeria in its search for more than 270 kidnapped girls, but that help may be largely technical and limited due to constraints both domestic and abroad.
- Nigeria is unwilling to accept too much international help to not appear weak, and American intelligence officials have generally assigned a low priority to diffuse Islamic sects like Boko Haram.
- Washington said it's already sent a team of officials specializing in hostage situations to the Nigerian capital of Abuja, where they'll help co-ordinate efforts to retrieve the girls.
- Source: CBC News

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/nigeria-schoolgirls-u-s-constrained-in-helping-nigeria-find-boko-haram-captives-1.2635486>

"The abduction of eight more girls in Nigeria is an outrage and a worsening nightmare for the girls themselves and for the families of the more than 200 girls who have been stolen from their communities in the last several weeks." – UNICEF Statement

Boko Haram Nigeria schoolgirl abductions: 8 more taken

- Suspected Boko Haram gunmen kidnapped eight girls from a village near one of their strongholds in northeastern Nigeria overnight, police and residents said on Tuesday May 6.
- Sources said the girls were taken away on trucks, along with looted livestock and food. Armed men had opened fire during the raid.
- Source: CBC News

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/boko-haram-nigeria-schoolgirl-abductions-8-more-taken-1.2633178>