

Mr. Hakeem Balogun  
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Dear Mr. Balogun,

I am writing to express my concern over the still missing girls from Chibok, Borno State who were abducted on April 14, 2014 from their government school. As you know, 276 girls were abducted and 57 of them escaped on their own. To date, the whereabouts of the other 219 remains unknown. Reports indicate that they remain in the hands of Boko Haram terrorists, who may marry them off for as little as \$12 each, traffic them across borders against their will, or use them as suicide bombers to carry out terrorist missions. Two years is an intolerable amount of time for these girls to wait to be rescued and reunited with their families!

Since the infamous Chibok abduction of 2014, many more women and girls have been kidnapped by Boko Haram. Because Boko Haram was not defeated in a timely or effective manner, the group quickly escalated into the deadliest terrorist organization in the entire world. Villages in the northeast, like Baga, are utterly decimated by constant and insurmountable violence. Women and girls suffer the most from this brutality because, not only could they die, but their gender makes them targets for physical abuse, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.

I implore you to do all that is within your power to end this nightmare for the families of the missing girls and the citizens who continue to suffer under the Boko Haram insurgency. Please urge the President, Muhammadu Buhari, and Minister of Defense, Brig. Gen. Mansur Dan-Ali, to prioritize a rescue mission which considers all possible options, including negotiations, to ensure the release and rehabilitation of the Chibok girls and the thousands of others who remain in captivity. In addition, please ensure that adequate psychosocial support services are provided for the rescued or escaped women and girls and for the families still waiting for the return of their daughters.

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- Adopt and utilize the Verification, Authentication, and Reunification System (VARs) designed by concerned citizens in the #BringBackOurGirls movement. This tool was accepted by the Federal Government on July 8, 2015 during a meeting with you, and has not yet been deployed.

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