

## B'Haram: Military Killed Chibok Girls In Air Strikes

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### ...Offers To Free Girls In Exchange For Detained Members

The Boko Haram sect has accused the Nigerian military of killing some of the Chibok

schoolgirls in airstrikes carried out by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF). This was as the group insisted that the abducted schoolgirls will remain in captivity, unless the Federal Government released all its members in detention.

The demand was made by a suspected commander of the sect, who appeared in a video showing some of the over 200 girls suspected to be the Chibok schoolgirls, who have remained in captivity since April 14, 2014, when they were abducted at the Government Girls' School Chibok, Borno State. However, the Federal Government has reassured the public that it was doing everything to ensure the safe return of the girls.

This came as the Defence Headquarters (DHQ) disclosed yesterday that it was studying the

latest video, with a view to ascertaining its authenticity or otherwise.

The video, cited by the SITE Intelligence Group, was posted by Ahmad Salkida on YouTube. Salkida, a Nigerian journalist, is believed to have good contacts with Boko Haram. Salkida said he was given the video by associates of Abubakar Shekau, the factional leader of the terrorist group.

In the latest video, the masked commander, who is seen wielding a gun, claimed that some of the girls were nursing lifethreatening injuries, while about 40 have been given out in marriage.

The fighter, who spoke in Hausa, vowed that the abducted girls may never be released, unless detained fighters, who he said

have been “in detention for ages” are released.

Also in the video, bodies of some girls suspected to have been killed during air strikes are seen on one side. In apparent

demonstration of his seriousness, the Boko Haram terrorist was seen in an interview with a girl who gave her name as Maida Yakubu.

The schoolgirl called on parents to appeal to the Federal Government to accede to the request to free detained fighters, for their (the Chibok girls’) rescue. While another girl was seen holding a baby, others were seen weeping, ostensibly to hasten government’s concession.

Part of the translation reads: “It pleased God to let us have these girls in our captivity for over two years now. Our first message is to the parents of the girls to let them

know that their daughters are still with us, some of them.

“I also want to tell them to ask the Nigerian government to release our brethren, especially those in Maiduguri, Lagos and Abuja and other places across Nigeria. They should be released immediately.

“You all knew that we had the girls, but God never allowed you to know their location and you will never know by God’s grace. You keep lying in your media that you will rescue them, they have been with us for over two years, yet you can’t even know where they are.

You have just been lying about these girls, people should know that. “Also, for the over two years that we have been with these girls, about 40 of them are married, some are dead as a result of airstrike by infidels.

We will show you a video of how your own aircraft dropped a bomb that killed some of these girls. Some of the girls have suffered fractures and other forms of injuries as a result of the air strikes.” Continuing he said: “As you can see, these are the girls, all we want is for you to release our brethren otherwise you will never get these girls God willing. This, in short, is our message to the Federal Government and the parents of the Chibok Girls. ”