

New video shows abducted Chibok girls as BBOG seeks support of UN, US, UK, others

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ABUJA—Boko Haram factional leader, Abubakar Shekau, yesterday, released a new video which showed the abducted Chibok school girls, asking their parents to prevail on the federal government to release the sect members held in different detention centres across the country in exchange for the girls.

This came as the federal government said it was doing everything possible to secure the release of the girls and put an end to the horrible saga of their abduction, even as Defence Headquarters, DHQ, said it was examining the latest video.

The Army also, yesterday, declared wanted, Ahmed Salkida, a Nigerian journalist prominent for his access to the extremist group and two others in connection with the video.

Shekau in the video, also alleged that, while some of the girls had been killed by air strikes launched by the Nigerian Air Force on their locations, at least, 40 others had been married off.



CHIBOK GIRLS VIDEO—Dr Oby Ezekwesili (left) with mother of Dorcas Yakubu, who spoke in the Boko Haram video, Mrs Esther Yakubu and another looking at the video, during a press conference held by #Bring Back Our Girls group at Unity Fountain, Abuja, yesterday. Photo: Gbemiga Olamikan.

This is the second video released by Shekau within a week as an earlier one revealed threats to attack the Presidential Villa, Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Tukur Buratai and Army spokesman, Col. Sani Usman.

The video showed a masked armed man standing in front of several girls, who, he claimed, were the over 200 girls abducted from their school hostel at Government Secondary School, Chibok, in 2014.

One of the girls, Maida Yakubu, who spoke in both Hausa and her native language, asked parents to “be patient and beg the government to release their people, so that we will also be released.”

On her message to her parents and the federal government, Maida said: “All I can say is that our parents should be patient, beg the government to release their people, so that we can also be released.”

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Maida's mother, Esther, is one of several parents of Chibok girls who recently published open letters to their daughters, detailing the pain they feel at their children's absence and their hopes for the future.