

## World helps Nigeria look for kidnapped girls

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More countries are offering Nigeria their support to help find over 220 schoolgirls who were kidnapped last week by an extreme Islamist group. The USA, China, France, Britain and Canada have all told Nigeria's government

they will do what they can to locate the missing girls. The group Boko Haram kidnapped the girls and said it would sell them. U.S. president Barack Obama said the kidnapping was both "heartbreaking" and "outrageous". American military experts are now in Nigeria to hunt for the children. China has promised computer equipment and special software to help find them. One of Egypt's top Islamic universities said harming the girls "completely contradicts the teachings of Islam".

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012 for going to school, expressed her shock at the kidnappings. She said: "These girls are my sisters, and I am feeling very sad." She had a special message for the girls, saying: "Never lose hope because we are with you." Malala compared the situation to what was happening in her hometown of Swat, Pakistan. She said: "It is what happened in Swat as well. In Swat, we were suffering. Girls were banned from going to school and banned from going to market." She added: "They were in schools trying to study, thinking about their future, and then suddenly some people came and abducted them." She called it "another kind of terrorism".

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## Writing

*The world is becoming more dangerous for children. Discuss.*

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*Nigeria / support / kidnapped / locate / missing / heartbreaking / experts / contradicts / shock / sisters / feeling sad / hometown / suffering / banned / future / terrorism*

## True / False

- The article says 27 countries are now helping Nigeria. T / F
- Canada is one of the countries that has offered to help. T / F
- U.S. military experts will not arrive in Nigeria for another few days. T / F
- A leading British university said the kidnapping contradicted Islam. T / F
- Malala Yousafzai was shot by the Taliban last year. T / F
- Malala said she felt the kidnapped girls were the same as her sisters. T / F
- Malala told the kidnapped girls they should not give up hope. T / F
- Malala likened the kidnappings to terrorism. T / F

## Synonym Match

- |               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. countries  | a. communicated    |
| 2. support    | b. shocking        |
| 3. locate     | c. likened         |
| 4. outrageous | d. help            |
| 5. completely | e. without warning |
| 6. expressed  | f. totally         |
| 7. compared   | g. nations         |
| 8. banned     | h. kidnapped       |
| 9. suddenly   | i. prohibited      |
| 10. abducted  | j. find            |

## Discussion – Student A

- Do you think Malala's support will help bring the girls back?
- How can schools and communities do more to protect children?
- What message do you have for the kidnappers?
- When will bad things like this stop happening in the world?
- Why do people think Malala should get the Nobel Peace Prize?
- What did you think about when you were at school?
- How can technology help stop kidnappings?
- What questions would you like to ask the kidnappers?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. countries are offering Nigeria               | a. at the kidnappings    |
| 2. do what they can to locate                   | b. and special software  |
| 3. American military                            | c. hope                  |
| 4. computer equipment                           | d. and abducted them     |
| 5. harming the girls completely contradicts the | e. their support         |
| 6. expressed her shock                          | f. the missing girls     |
| 7. She had a special                            | g. going to school       |
| 8. Never lose                                   | h. teachings of Islam    |
| 9. banned from                                  | i. message for the girls |
| 10. suddenly some people came                   | j. experts               |

## Discussion – Student B

- How do you feel about this story?
- What makes people think it's OK to kidnap schoolgirls?
- Is the world too slow to offer help to Nigeria?
- What do you know about the group Boko Haram?
- What can you do to help the #bringbackourgirls campaign?
- What kind of people think it is OK to sell schoolgirls?
- What do you think will happen from now?
- What punishment should the kidnappers get?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. c	8. i	9. e	10. h

## Role Play

### Role A – Nigeria's president

You think Nigeria's president is the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the U.S. military, local people or Malala Yousafzai.

### Role B – The U.S. military

You think the U.S. military is the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): Nigeria's president, local people or Malala Yousafzai.

### Role C – Local people

You think local people are the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the U.S. military, Nigeria's president or Malala Yousafzai.

### Role D – Malala Yousafzai

You think Malala Yousafzai is the best hope of finding the girls. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why the others might not be so helpful. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the U.S. military, local people or Nigeria's president.

## Speaking – Find the girls

Rank these with your partner. Put the people / things most likely to help find the girls at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the U.S. military
- Nigeria's police force
- Nigeria's president
- satellites
- local people
- Malala Yousafzai
- special agents
- other \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.