

# stop demand.

A call for action to  
stop sexual violence against  
women and children.

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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
Washington DC, USA

Prime Minister David Cameron  
10 Downing Street  
London, UK

President François Hollande  
Palais de L'Élysée  
Paris, France

By email/fax

Dear President Obama, President Hollande & Prime Minister Cameron

## President Buhari's commitment on Chibok girls – 'intelligence' assistance needed

We write further to our open letters to you and Nigeria's President Buhari, dated 14 December 2015 (<http://bit.ly/1NS8djE>; <http://bit.ly/225kCHf>). Our follow-up letter to President Buhari is attached.

We note, sadly, that our Christmas deadline for requested action on the Chibok girls passed without incident. Compared with swift action shown by you recently on Syria, it appears that the Chibok girls' unending slavery and rapes holds little interest to world leaders, outside of lip service.

On a positive note, on 30 December 2015 President Buhari declared that his government was ready to negotiate with Boko Haram for the Chibok girls' release 'without conditions' (<http://bbc.in/1MQ3A4y>).

However, two obstacles look set to hinder this otherwise encouraging development: (1) identifying 'credible Boko Haram leadership' with whom to negotiate, and (2) confirmation that the girls are alive. Both hurdles clearly require 'intelligence'. President Buhari claims that Nigerian authorities have no firm intelligence on the girls' whereabouts. Given information known to escapees, detained militants, the 'jungle telegraph' and from satellite imagery, this claim seems astonishing.

President Buhari needs international assistance. We ask that you contact him urgently to urge him to uphold his latest commitment and to offer whatever resources and intelligence Nigeria needs to facilitate the rescue of these girls and other abductees. It has been 634 days since the Chibok abductions. This is indefensible! Please help Nigeria end this travesty as a priority. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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