



International Association of Women Judges
Advancing Human Rights and Equal Justice for All

IAWJ Renews Call for Application of the Rule of Law to the Case of Nigerian Schoolgirls

Washington, D.C. August 29, 2016 A video released by Boko Haram 16 August 2016 purports to show school girls captured two years ago from Chibok. The video has given family members of the girls new hope for their ultimate reunion.

On 8 May 2014, IAWJ Members who attended the IAWJ Biennial Membership Meeting in Arusha, Tanzania, approved a resolution concerning the kidnapping of Nigerian schoolgirls, human rights and the rule of law. That resolution expressed IAWJ members' deep concern that the kidnapping of over 200 girls was an affront to justice and the rule of law, and inconsistent with human rights.

This new video comes more than two years later -- yet most of the girls remain missing.

Both international and Nigerian law criminalize gender-based violence, including rape and forced marriages. Until the gravity of crimes of gender-based violence are recognized, investigated and prosecuted, aspirations for "equal justice for all" will remain unfulfilled. The IAWJ remains committed to the Rule of Law and equal justice for all.


Hon. Susana Medina, IAWJ President

About The International Association of Women Judges

Founded in 1991, the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization with more than 4700 members from over 80 countries. IAWJ creates opportunities for judicial exchange and pioneers judicial education programs to advance human rights, uproot gender bias in judicial systems, and promote access to justice for women and girls.

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