

■ Girls who escaped from the militants gather to receive information from officials



## OUTRAGEOUS ACT!

**T**HE mass abduction of 223 girls from a school dormitory in Nigeria, by Islamic militants Boko Haram, is outrageous and needs to be condemned globally. The Islamist militant group has threatened to “sell” the girls into slavery. The only fault of these girls was that they were studying in a school.

It is heartening to note that many countries are sending resources to Nigeria to locate these girls. The US, UK, France and China are sending teams to assist the government in Nigeria.

Whilst this international endeavour to locate the missing girls is laudable, it is the local authorities who would have the best information sources in villages and forests. They may have informers in remote areas. The police on the ground should take the lead and crack this lamentable case at the earliest.

This kidnapping is a serious blot on the image of Nigeria and the government must resolve it expeditiously.

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