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Florida Memorial University Lions For Justice” host Bring Back Our Girls Rally

Miami Gardens, FL- Community organizations across South Florida are coming together to demand justice after the kidnapping of over 273 Nigerian girls.

“Lions for Justice,” a Florida Memorial University social justice student organization - along with the Miami Dream Defenders, Impact Miami, Inc., Soul Movement Crew, Inc., and other community partners - are organizing a “Bring Back Our Girls” rally to raise support and awareness for the missing Chibok, Nigeria girls along with their families. The schoolgirls will have been missing for an entire month on the day of South Florida’s rally.

South Florida organizations ask Nigerian insurgents to “Bring Back Our Girls”

Monday, May 12th, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Intersection of NW 1st Street NW 2nd Avenue (Near Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC))

On April 12th, militants seized over 270 girls overnight at a high school in the Nigerian town of Chibok, along the far northeast region of the country. This region is home to insurgent group Boko Haram, responsible for the kidnapping. According to reports, armed Boko Haram men herded the girls out of bed and forced them into trucks. The trucks then entered thick forests bordering Cameroon. Boko Haram has publicly admitted to assaulting and selling the Chibok girls as “brides” to the rebels.

Thousands of Nigerians are taking to the streets to demand the government do more to rescue the abducted girls. A worldwide outcry has erupted in the aftermath of the kidnapping, including viral social media campaign, “#BringBackOurGirls”. Demonstrations have been held across the US (including in New York and Philadelphia) as well as Europe.

“American and African mothers, women, and families reject the use of kidnap, rape, and human trafficking as war tactics,” said Tameka B. Hobbs, Ph.D., Sponsor of Lions For Justice. “One day after commemorating the love and contributions of motherhood to our society, South Florida will come together to call for unity.”

At the May 12th event, Southern Florida community groups will call on local citizens and elected officials to use their influence to decry Boko Haram and encourage the U.S. government to continue assisting in the effort to return the girls to safety. Demonstrators are asked to wear red attire or gele head wraps as a sign of support.

Since 2010, Boko Haram, which translates to “western education is forbidden,” has murdered thousands of Christians and students in northern Nigeria, with the end goal of creating an Islamic state. For more information regarding the Lions for Justice “Bring Back Our Girls Rally” please contact Ana Guthrie; (305) 626-3786, ana.guthrie@fmuniv.edu.