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NLC SOLIDARIZES WITH BBOG TO OBSERVE THE WEEK OF GLOBAL ACTION TO COMMEMORATE ABDUCTION OF CHIBOK GIRLS, HAILS BBOG FOR KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE.

SOLIDARITY

NLC with its 50 affiliate industrial unions nation-wide and 6 million organized members joins the world to demand for the safe return of the abducted school girls of Girl at Chibok

NLC recalls that it is exactly two years these girls were criminally abducted from their school of learning by Boko Haram terrorists. Precisely 276 schoolgirls were abducted in their school, 57 escaped, 219 remain missing till date. As many as 17 of their parents have reportedly lost their lives as a result of the trauma and many are daily agonizing. NLC salutes the leadership of the Bring Back Our Girls (BBOG) for keeping the memory of the girls alive.

An injury to these girls is certainly an injury to all us. It is not over until these girls are liberated from the clutches of the criminal abductors. NLC hereby calls on Nigerian government to intensify the security measures to liberate the girls. We acknowledge the commendable efforts of Buhari administration to smash the dens of the Bokoharam terrorists. The point cannot be overstated that only the return Chibok girls would convince the world that the war on terror in Nigeria is not just the war to reclaim territories but to regain lives.

CHIBOK GIRLS ARE NOT MERE STATISTICS

To us in the labour movement, 219 missing girls are future workers, mothers not just statistics. The received wisdom says if you educate a girl child, you educate a whole community. Those who abduct 219 girls out of school have definitely criminally abducted communities of future doctors, nurses and

leaders. We must therefore join forces with the forces of progress and development worldwide to join forces for the liberation of our beloved girls of Chibok.

By this statement we have also directed all our affiliates and state chapters nation-wide to join the week long activity under the theme: '#HopeEndures' to rescue the girls abducted from Government Secondary School, Chibok, Borno State in April 2014.

The demand for the return of Chibok girls is also part of the planned day of protest on the state of the nation.

Comrade Ayuba P. Wabba,mni

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