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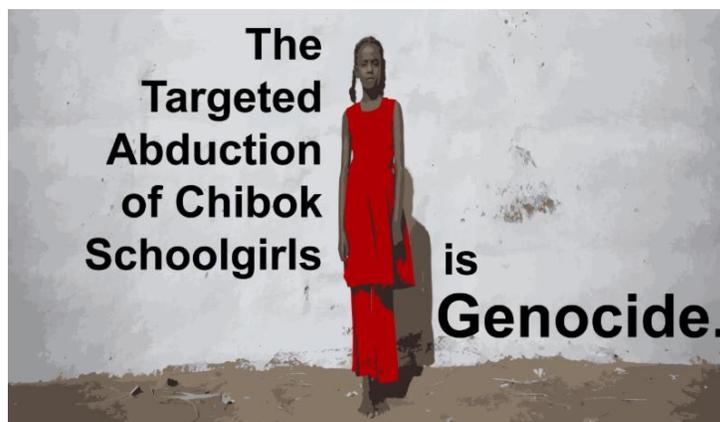
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One Year Later: #BringBackOurGirls

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, as the world remembered the abduction of the 276 Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram - 219 who remain missing - on the one year anniversary of their abduction, the Global Justice Center is asking why the perpetrators of this heinous crime have not been brought to justice.

GJC is fighting against impunity and urging the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Fatou Bensouda, to investigate Boko Haram for perpetrating the crime of genocide against the Christian community in Nigeria. The abduction of the Chibok schoolgirls is an act of genocide as defined in the Genocide Convention - **the "forcible transfer of children."** Boko Haram is targeting Christian women and girls for abduction, forced conversion, forced marriage, and sexual violence. An investigation by the ICC of Boko Haram's gender-based abductions as an act of genocide would spur the global community into action - as all states have the duty to prevent and halt genocide.



The young Chibok school girls have been living lives of daily terror and torture, including **rape, forced conversion to**

Islam, forced marriage, forced pregnancy and sexual slavery, for 365 days and **there has been no internationally motivated effort to rescue them**. This demonstrates the enormous gulf between the global concern for women and the political will to do anything about it.



Last night, GJC joined activists, including representatives of Pathfinders Justice Initiative, #BringBackOurGirlsNYC, and the United Nations Church Center, at a candlelight vigil and silent march to the Nigerian Consulate. When speaker after speaker asked "what do we do next?" GJC responds that the world the must demand justice, accountability, and the safe return of the kidnapped schoolgirls. Every time an atrocity like genocide occurs, the world says, "never again." **The genocide of the Chibok schoolgirls is happening now.** The first step to halting genocide is acknowledging that it is occurring. It is time for the International Criminal Court and the international community to send a clear message that genocide will not be tolerated.



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Sincerely,



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