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ITUC-AFRICA'S STATEMENT ON THE RECENT ATTACKS IN NIGERIA

ITUC-Africa joins the ITUC in condemning the dreadful massacre of 2,000 innocent people in Nigeria last week by the Boko Haram fundamentalist sect. This follows a long series of heinous acts including the abduction of 200 High School girls from the city of Chibok in the State of Borno in April, 2014.

We express our condolences to the bereaved families in the current wave of violence and also reach out to those who have suffered in diverse ways from previous outrageous acts of Boko Haram.

We join the ITUC's affiliates in Nigeria, the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trades Union Congress (TUC) in drawing attention to the over 20,000 people displaced by the attacks on Baga and surrounding villages and call for urgent action to address their humanitarian needs.

Since 2009, violence by Boko Haram has already left more than 13,000 dead with the violence becoming a major threat to Nigeria and the whole of West Africa and now extending to Central Africa.

While expressing its solidarity with the NLC and TUC of Nigeria as well as the bereaved families and people of Nigeria as a whole, ITUC-Africa joins the call on the Nigerian government to work in a determined manner for the protection and security of the Nigerian people and to secure the stability of Nigeria and its territorial integrity.

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