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## **ISCJ Statement Regarding the Nigerian Schoolgirls Kidnapping May 13 2014**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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South Brunswick, NJ (May 2014). The Islamic Society of Central Jersey (ISCJ) strongly condemns the kidnapping of Nigerian schoolgirls by the terrorist group known as Boko Haram. This act is totally against every Islamic value and tradition. It is simply a horrific crime. We urge the Nigerian government to find these schoolgirls as soon as possible and bring the captors to justice. Our prayers are with the victims and their loved ones. We speak as Muslims, as Americans and as human beings who are committed to peace and democracy.

For more information about the about what other Muslim groups and scholars are saying on this crime, please visit:

<http://time.com/96006/a-response-to-the-question-why-arent-muslims-condemning-boko-haram/>

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Global-News/2014/0508/On-Boko-Haram-Justin-Timberlake-and-Imams-agree-RealMenDontBuyGirls>

<http://www.isna.net/isna-condemns-boko-haram-kidnapping-of-schoolgirls.html>

<http://www.cair.com/press-center/press-releases/12474-cair-condemns-boko-haram-kidnapping-threat-to-sell-schoolgirls.html>

<http://muslimsagainstterror.com/muslims-of-nigeria-denounce-and-condemn-boko-haram/>

On a larger national and international scale please note Muslim organizations working for peace (for example, Unity Production Foundation UPF). Please visit the UPF website to see their efforts to promote peace thru media:

<http://upf.tv/>