

Over 60 Nigerian Girls and Women Escape Boko Haram

Sixty-three girls and women kidnapped by Nigerian terrorist group Boko Haram two weeks ago have escaped, according to a new report—but they are not from among the roughly 200 hostage schoolgirls who made waves across social media earlier this year.

A vigilante leader told the Associated Press that the women and children managed to escape while Boko Haram forces were busy attacking Nigerian military and police forces in Damboa.

Boko Haram captured the women and children in the Kummabza village on June 22 in what has been described as a move to pressure Nigeria into releasing prisoners belonging to the terror cell.

The Islamic terrorist group's more well-known hostages, the more than 250 schoolgirls kidnapped from Chibok (many of whom are Christians), have been in peril since April, spawning the #BringBackOurGirls campaign. At one point, 53 of the schoolgirls escaped, leaving 200-plus others behind.