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## THE WEEK IN RIGHTS

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### Interview: Life After Escaping Boko Haram's Clutches



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The kidnapping of nearly 300 schoolgirls from Chibok, Nigeria by the Islamist militant group Boko Haram last April shocked the world. A social media campaign – #BringBackOurGirls – became the international rallying cry for their release. Sadly, these aren't the first, or the last, girls to be kidnapped by Boko Haram – it has become a standard part of the group's violent insurgency in northeastern Nigeria.

Human Rights Watch Nigeria researcher Mausi Segun spent months tracking down the few girls who escaped from Boko Haram and were courageous enough to share their experiences. What she learned: That new fears set in after their escape, that their families have no protection from Boko Haram's revenge attacks, and that, while the government has offered escaped Chibok girls some medical care and counseling, girls kidnapped before or after this terrible incident receive no support for the physical and emotional scars of their ordeals. Here, Segun speaks about why she began researching Boko Haram kidnappings months before the Chibok girls were taken, and what Nigeria needs to do to support the girls if they are found.

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