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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**Humanitarian aid hits record $22 bln in 2013 amid major crises**

Humanitarian aid rose to a record $22 billion in 2013, in response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and major conflict-related crises in Syria and CAR– but more than a third of needs were still left unmet, new data showed on Tuesday. The increase in the international humanitarian response - from around $18 billion in 2012 when there were no big new disasters - comes from growing contributions by both government donors and private funding sources, according to research from the Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) programme of the UK-based think tank Development Initiatives.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140623230414-xl4g2/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140623230414-xl4g2/?source=search)

CEE/CIS

**Across CEE/CIS**

**Russia proposes int'l contact group on Ukraine**

The establishment of an international contact group on Ukraine should be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a senior Russian lawmaker said. "It will be appropriate to raise the question of calling a special international conference on Ukraine," the speaker of the Russian State Duma, or the lower house of parliament, told a security conference. The Ukraine crisis could be resolved and peace could be restored "only amid international participation," the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying.

**Xinhua -** [**http://english.sina.com/world/2014/0623/711897.html**](http://english.sina.com/world/2014/0623/711897.html)

**EU calls on Russia to stem flow of arms into Ukraine**

The European Union called on all sides in Ukraine on 23 June to immediately agree and respect a ceasefire and urged Russia to adopt effective measures to stop the flow of fighters and arms into the country. "The EU calls on all sides to agree and honor a ceasefire immediately in order to stabilize the security situation, achieve a genuine de-escalation and create the necessary conditions for President (Petro) Poroshenko's peace plan to be implemented," the bloc said in a statement.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/23/us-ukraine-crisis-eu-statement-idUSKBN0EY1FB20140623**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/23/us-ukraine-crisis-eu-statement-idUSKBN0EY1FB20140623)

**Bosnia & Herzegovina**

**Court indicts security chief over February unrest**

Bosnia's national security chief has been indicted on charges that he failed to subdue widespread civil unrest in February, Bosnia's state court said on 23 June, an outbreak of violence that was the worst since the country's 1992-95 war. The court said that the head of the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA), was accused of ignoring calls from the top police body to deploy his forces during disturbances that broke out over endemic corruption and unemployment. There was no immediate response from the national security chief, who has indicated previously that the unrest fell under the jurisdiction of the regional police rather than his state-wide agency.

**Reuters -** [**http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/06/23/uk-bosnia-security-indictment-idUKKBN0EY1K320140623**](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/06/23/uk-bosnia-security-indictment-idUKKBN0EY1K320140623)

**Bulgaria**

**Environment Ministry warns of impending risk of floods**

Bulgaria's Ministry of Environment and Waters has warned on 23 June of possible sudden local floods in the next few days. Based on the current meteorological situation, the levels of the rivers Arda, Maritsa and Tundzha are expected to go up on 23 and 24 June. Waters may rise due to the controlled drainage of micro-dams, the press center of the Environment Ministry informs. At present, the highest levels are recorded for the rivers Rusenski Lom, Tundzha near Elhovo and Yantra near Karantsi.

**Novinite -** [**http://www.novinite.com/articles/161504/Bulgaria's+Environment+Ministry+Warns+of+Impending+Risk+of+Floods**](http://www.novinite.com/articles/161504/Bulgaria's+Environment+Ministry+Warns+of+Impending+Risk+of+Floods)

**Ukraine**

**UN chief hopes peace plan will reduce violence, ease tensions**

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has hailed a peace plan put forward by Ukraine's President and said he hopes it will reduce violence and tensions in the eastern part of the country. According to media reports, the peace plan involves proposals for decentralizing power, holding early elections, and creating a buffer zone on the Ukrainian-Russian border. In his phone call with the Ukranian President the Secretary-General reiterated the UN's commitment to help resolve the crisis in eastern Ukraine. He also discussed the humanitarian situation in the country, while reaffirming the world body's commitment to working with the Ukrainian authorities to assist with internally displaced persons and other humanitarian issues.

**UN News Centre -** [**http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48100#.U6gbgWjD\_ct**](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48100#.U6gbgWjD_ct)

**Ukraine leader under pressure as pro-Russian insurgents agree to talks**

Ukraine’s new Western-backed president faced pressure on Tuesday to negotiate with top rebel commanders after a surprise turnabout in which the pro-Russian insurgents agreed to a truce and talks on ending their uprising. In an unexpected announcement that came after talks with Russia’s ambassador to Kiev and an OSCE envoy, the head of the self-declared Donetsk People’s Republic on Monday said he was dropping his demand for an immediate Ukrainian troop withdrawal. “We hope that during the period in which both sides halt fire, we will be able to agree and begin consultations about holding negotiations about a peaceful settlement to the conflict,” Oleksandr Borodai said, adding that his forces would hold their fire until Friday morning.

**AFP -** [**http://www.scmp.com/news/world/article/1539625/ukraine-leader-under-pressure-rebels-agree-talks**](http://www.scmp.com/news/world/article/1539625/ukraine-leader-under-pressure-rebels-agree-talks)

EAP

**DPRK**

**North Korea army mobilised as rivers run dry in worst drought in years**   
North Korea's rivers, streams and reservoirs are running dry in a prolonged drought, state media said on Monday, prompting the isolated country to mobilise some of its million-strong army to try to protect precious crops. The drought is the worst in North Korea for over a decade, state media reports have said, with some areas experiencing low rainfall levels since 1961. Office workers, farmers and women have been mobilised to direct water into the dry floors of fields and rice paddies, the official KCNA news agency said..   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140623092801-ocjsh/?source=dpagehead**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140623092801-ocjsh/?source=dpagehead)

**Papua New-Guinea**

**Political protests banned for fear of violence**

Papua New Guinea's Acting Police Commissioner has banned a protest march planned for 24 June's sitting of Parliament, saying it could turn violent. The Acting Police Commissioner says the potential for violence at a political protest poses too great a risk. Earlier, the Port Moresby's Metropolitan Superintendent Perou N'Dranou gave the go-ahead for a protest march to coincide with the resumption of Parliament on 24 June, but the Acting Police Commissioner says Mr N'Dranou has since had "second thoughts". Mr Vaki says he did not consult with the Prime Minister before making the decision. Organizers have vowed to go ahead with the march to protest against the way the Prime Minister has handled allegations of corruption, even though it's been declared illegal.

**ABC -** [**http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/2014-06-23/papua-new-guinea-political-protests-banned-for-fear-of-violence/1331708**](http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/2014-06-23/papua-new-guinea-political-protests-banned-for-fear-of-violence/1331708)

**RNZI -** [**http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/247990/png-police-chief-says-no-to-protest**](http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/247990/png-police-chief-says-no-to-protest)

**Solomon Islands**

**Government intends to shut temporary shelters**

The severe flooding in the province of Guadalcanal in early April killed at least 21 people and caused significant damage to infrastructure, with Honiara badly affected after the main river there burst its banks. There are believed to be 1,000-1,500 people still living in emergency accommodation in the city, many of whom originate from other provinces but were living in squatter camps close to the river when the flooding occurred. There is growing concern about conditions in the evacuation centres; according to the latest figures from the Ministry of Health, six of 24 new cases of leprosy involve people living in the centres.

**EIU -** [**http://country.eiu.com/article.aspx?articleid=961941280&Country=Solomon%20Islands&topic=Politics&subtopic=Forecast&subsubtopic=Political+stability&u=1&pid=121916596&oid=121916596&uid=1**](http://country.eiu.com/article.aspx?articleid=961941280&Country=Solomon%20Islands&topic=Politics&subtopic=Forecast&subsubtopic=Political+stability&u=1&pid=121916596&oid=121916596&uid=1)

ESA

**Kenya**

**At least 20 killed in tribal clashes – police**

At least 20 people were killed in inter-clan violence in northern Kenya on Sunday, the police said, further destabilizing one of Kenya's most volatile regions. The clashes between the Degodia and Gare communities started in mid-May and has led to more than 40 deaths in Wajir county that borders Somalia, local media reported. The fighting was the latest in a series of tit-for-tat killings that are ostensibly part of a longstanding grazing land and water dispute between the two tribes.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140622191657-qucbg/?source=jtOtherNews3**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140622191657-qucbg/?source=jtOtherNews3)

**Five killed in attack on Kenyan coast, says official**

Five people have been killed by unknown attackers who raided a village on Kenya's coast near Mpeketoni town where about 65 people died in assaults last week, a government official said on Tuesday. Al Shabaab claimed responsibility for last week's attacks on the Mpeketoni area, although Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta dismissed al Shabaab's account and said local politicians were behind it.

**Reuters -** [**http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFKBN0EZ0GU20140624**](http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFKBN0EZ0GU20140624)

**Mozambique**

**Country to be free of landmines by end of 2014**

Mozambique plans to clear all known landmines with the help of international backers by the end of this year, virtually ridding its territory of a threat that caused casualties long after its civil war ended in 1992. Jared Bloch, spokesman for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, said Monday that Mozambique had suffered "massive contamination" from landmines which had made it one of the worst-affected countries in the world. Bloch says one of the last areas that will be cleared is near the border with Zimbabwe. He says there is still a possible hazard from mines that may have moved from their original locations by floods or other "natural disasters."

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/mozambique-free-landmines-end-2014-24261934**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/mozambique-free-landmines-end-2014-24261934)

**South Sudan**

**Rebels boycott peace talks over who attends**

Rebels have boycotted a new round of peace talks to end South Sudan's conflict because of a dispute about who should attend, those involved in the protracted negotiations said on Monday. The new round of talks in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa was to have brought in new players such as civil society organizations, faith-based groups and others, along with government and rebel negotiators, to try to secure a broad deal. There has been little to show for months of negotiations. Two ceasefire deals were swiftly violated, with each side blaming the other. A new delay in talks threatens to extend a crisis that aid agencies say could drive the nation to famine. The regional African IGAD grouping, which is mediating, has threatened both sides with sanctions unless they halt fighting.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140623164248-k7dex/?source=jtOtherNews1**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140623164248-k7dex/?source=jtOtherNews1)

LAC

**Bolivia**

**Coca cultivation dropped 9% in 2013: UN**

Bolivia's coca cultivation declined by nine percent in 2013 to the lowest level in more than a decade, the UN said Monday. About 23,000 hectares were used for coca bush cultivation last year compared to some 25,300 hectares in 2012, according to a joint survey released by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and the Bolivian government. "This decline confirms a downward trend over the last three years, during which period coca cultivation dropped by 26 percent," said a senior UNODC official, Antonino De Leo. "In 2013, Bolivia recorded the lowest area under coca cultivation since 2002," he added.

**AFP -** [**http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/140623/bolivian-coca-cultivation-dropped-9-2013**](http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/140623/bolivian-coca-cultivation-dropped-9-2013)

**Paraguay**

**Floods leave 200,000 people affected**

According to the National Emergency Service, 15,000 families are now living in shelters or with family members. The Parana and Paraguay rivers have overflowed and are affecting thousands of families in the departments of Ñeembucú, Alto Parana, Presidente Hayes and Alto Paraguay, as well as the municipalities of Ayolas and Asuncion. National government authorities have been responding to heavy rains since early on this year, but the situation has been made difficult due to the intensity of the rains and the number of people affected, in the municipality of Asuncion alone.

**IFRC -** [**http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/americas/paraguay/floods-in-paraguay-leave-200000-people-affected/**](http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/americas/paraguay/floods-in-paraguay-leave-200000-people-affected/)

**Venezuela**

**Death toll from protests hits 43**

At least 43 people have died in opposition protests against the Venezuelan President that began in February, a non-government group says after a student died from a bullet wound. The head of the Penal Forum group, said Josue Farias died in the city of Maracaibo from a gunshot injury sustained during an anti-government protest nearly a month ago on 29 May. In their latest report on 11 June, they counted 42 deaths and 873 people injured in the demonstrations that have decreased in intensity in recent weeks. Efforts to resolve differences between the government and opposition through dialogue have faltered in the wake of the arrest of more than 200 students last month, when authorities demolished protest camps.

**AFP -** [**http://www.skynews.com.au/news/world/sthamerica/2014/06/22/death-toll-from-venezuela-protests-hits-43.html**](http://www.skynews.com.au/news/world/sthamerica/2014/06/22/death-toll-from-venezuela-protests-hits-43.html)

MENA

**Across MENA  
UN says Palestinian deaths in Israeli manhunt 'alarming'**

The UN voiced concern Monday over the deaths of four Palestinians as Israeli security forces have pressed a campaign to find three teenagers who went missing in the West Bank. Israeli troops detained 37 Palestinians in the West Bank during the night as its arrest campaign entered its 11th day Monday, with no sign of three teenagers thought taken by Hamas. Since the youths disappeared from a hitchhiking stop in the southern West Bank on June 12, Israel has been rounding up hundreds of Palestinians in a bid to find them, while also dealing a crushing blow to Hamas. But with tensions rising among Palestinians over the crackdown that has seen four Palestinians killed in the past week, the campaign is expected to shift focus to intelligence gathering rather than mass arrests.

**AFP -** [**http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/united-nations-says-palestinian-deaths-in-israeli-manhunt-alarming-546635**](http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/united-nations-says-palestinian-deaths-in-israeli-manhunt-alarming-546635)

**AFP-** [**http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Jun-24/261331-israel-arrests-37-as-manhunt-drags-on.ashx#axzz35VvshF3S**](http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Jun-24/261331-israel-arrests-37-as-manhunt-drags-on.ashx#axzz35VvshF3S)

**Egypt**

**UN condemns death penalties, Al Jazeera prison terms**

Egypt should free three Al Jazeera journalists who were jailed on Monday for seven years and stop the "obscene" practice of holding mass trials of government opponents that end in death penalties, UN human rights chief Navi Pillay said. "Egypt's reputation, and especially the reputation of its judiciary as an independent institution, are at stake," she said in a statement. The Al Jazeera verdicts and the death sentences confirmed on Saturday for 183 Muslim Brotherhood members and supporters are the latest in a string of prosecutions "rife with procedural irregularities and in breach of international human rights law", Pillay said.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Jun-23/261264-un-condemns-egypts-death-penalties-al-jazeera-prison-terms.ashx#axzz35TwkYpur**](http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Jun-23/261264-un-condemns-egypts-death-penalties-al-jazeera-prison-terms.ashx#axzz35TwkYpur)

**Iraq**

**More than 1,000 killed in 17 days: UN**

More than 1,000 people -- at least three-quarters of them civilians -- were killed this month as militants swept through large swathes of northern and western Iraq, the UN said Tuesday. At least 1,075 people were killed and 658 were injured in the country in the 17 days from 5 to 22 June, Rupert Colville, a spokesman for the UN human rights said. He said the numbers "should be viewed very much as a minimum." At least 757 civilians were killed and another 599 injured in the provinces of Nineveh, Diyala and Salah al-Din, he said. A number of the deaths were due to "verified summary executions and extra-judicial killings of civilians, police, and soldiers who were hors combat." At least 318 more people -- not necessarily all civilians -- had been killed and 590 injured in Baghdad and areas in the south, "many of them as a result of at least six separate vehicle-borne bombs," he said.

**AFP -** [**http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/more-than-1-000-killed-in/1199962.html**](http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/more-than-1-000-killed-in/1199962.html)

**Jordan**

**One dead, five injured in Maan shoot-out**

A woman and three police officers who were injured in a shootout in Maan at dawn on Monday were recovering at hospitals in Amman and Maan, official sources said. A 36-year-old man was shot dead when Gendarmeries forces raided a house in Maan, some 220km south of Amman, looking for a wanted person, Public Security Department Spokesperson Maj. Amer Sartawi told The Jordan Times. The shooting resulted in the death of the house owner, and the injury of his wife and the suspect, who managed to escape, he added. The woman was rushed to Maan government hospital where she underwent surgery and remains in critical condition, Maan Mayor Majed Sharari told The Jordan Times. Sharari said one suspect was arrested during the raid.

**Jordan Times -** [**http://jordantimes.com/one-dead-five-injured-in-maan-shoot-out**](http://jordantimes.com/one-dead-five-injured-in-maan-shoot-out)

**Lebanon**

**1 dead, 20 hurt in overnight Beirut blast**

A suicide bombing in a southern Beirut neighborhood killed a security officer and wounded 20 people, officials said Tuesday. The overnight attack — the second such bombing this week — heightened fears that Lebanon was reverting to a cycle of violence after a few months of respite. The explosion occurred near a checkpoint and a cafe in the Shatila area of the Lebanese capital just after midnight Monday. The area is a stronghold of the Shiite militant Hezbollah group, which has been heavily involved in fighting alongside President Bashar Assad’s army in neighboring Syria.

**AP -** [**http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\_east/lebanon-1-dead-20-hurt-in-overnight-beirut-blast/2014/06/24/a626acd6-fb79-11e3-9f27-09f20b8bfd1a\_story.html**](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/lebanon-1-dead-20-hurt-in-overnight-beirut-blast/2014/06/24/a626acd6-fb79-11e3-9f27-09f20b8bfd1a_story.html)

**Libya**

**UNSC appeals for peaceful vote**

The U.N. Security Council urged Libyans to ensure that their national elections are held peacefully on Wednesday, warning that they are important to Tripoli's transition to stable democratic rule. In a statement, council members "emphasized that these elections are an important step in Libya's transition towards stable democratic governance and an opportunity for the Libyan people to select a transitional government that meets their legitimate aspirations."

**Naharnet -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/136233-security-council-appeals-for-peaceful-vote-in-libya**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/136233-security-council-appeals-for-peaceful-vote-in-libya)

**Sudan**

**Christian woman rearrested**

A Sudanese woman whose death sentence for refusing to renounce her Christian faith was revoked has been rearrested, her legal team told CNN Tuesday. Meriam Ibrahim, 27, and her husband, Daniel Wani, were arrested Tuesday at an airport in Sudan's capital as they were trying to leave the African country, Ibrahim's legal team said. Details about why the couple were arrested weren't immediately available.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140623222423-fijnn/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140623222423-fijnn/?source=search)

**Tribal clashes kill 20 people in Darfur**

Tribal clashes have reignited in Sudan's Darfur region, leaving up to 20 dead, local sources said on 23 June. A patrol from the African Union-United Nations peacekeeping mission reached Umm Dukhun and other areas of Central Darfur state to verify reports of fighting between the rival Misseriya and Salamat tribes, a UNAMID public information officer reported. "A variety of sources at these locations informed the patrol that clashes in the area broke out on 19 June following an alleged theft of livestock, and continued on 20-21 June," the officer said. Local sources in the area reported that between 10 and 20 people had died. UNAMID was unable to confirm any reports of casualties.

**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/136221-tribal-clashes-kill-20-in-sudan-s-darfur**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/136221-tribal-clashes-kill-20-in-sudan-s-darfur)

**Syria**

**Rebel groups sending children into war - HRW**

Militant Islamist groups in Syria are recruiting children as young as 15 and sending them into battle after promising them a free education, a Human Rights Watch report said on Monday. The report said the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which has made rapid territorial gains across the border in Iraq, had given children weapons training in Syria and told them to carry out suicide bombings. Citing personal accounts, the rights group also found evidence of children being mobilised by the more moderate Western-backed Free Syrian Army, the al Qaeda-affiliated Nusra Front, the Islamic Front coalition and security forces in Kurdish-controlled areas.

**HRW -** [**http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/06/22/syria-armed-groups-send-children-battle**](http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/06/22/syria-armed-groups-send-children-battle)

**HRW Report -** [**http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/syria0614\_crd\_ForUpload.pdf**](http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/syria0614_crd_ForUpload.pdf)

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140623082757-it9t5/?source=jtOtherNews2**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140623082757-it9t5/?source=jtOtherNews2)

**Tunisia**

**Voter registration for fresh elections begin**

Tunisia began voter registration on Monday for heavily-delayed legislative and presidential elections due to take place later this year. The elections would consolidate the gains of an accord in January to end months of political crisis, which had blocked the democratic transition in the birthplace of the Arab Spring. PM Mehdi Jomaa and Chafik Sarsar, who heads the electoral organising commission, gave the order to begin the registration process at Tunis city hall, the government said. After months of negotiations, the electoral commission this month proposed that legislative polls take place on 26 October and the first round of the presidential poll on 23 November, with the run-off on 28 December.

**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/136203-tunisia-begins-voter-registration-for-fresh-elections**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/136203-tunisia-begins-voter-registration-for-fresh-elections)

ROSA

**Pakistan**

**Thousands flee tribal region as authorities gear up for offensive**

Pakistan's military on Monday gave residents of North Waziristan until the end of the day to leave the remote mountainous region ahead of a widely anticipated major ground offensive by the army against Islamist militants. At least 430,000 people have fled the region into nearby areas of Pakistan as well as neighbouring Afghanistan, the biggest movement of refugees in Pakistan in years. The military has sent fighter jets to flush out Taliban militants at the start of a comprehensive operation after a brazen attack this month on Karachi airport, Pakistan's largest. But the ground offensive has yet to start. "Today is the last day for the people to leave the tribal region," a military official said from the North Waziristan capital of Miranshah.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140623102738-eqoa5/?source=jtOtherNews2**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140623102738-eqoa5/?source=jtOtherNews2)

WCA

**CAR**

**Militia kills 18 Muslims in Bambari**

Residents of the CAR city of Bambari say that a militia attacked a nearby Muslim village and killed 18 of its inhabitants. The spokesman for the Seleka, Ahmt Nadjad said the anti-Balaka militia attacked the village of Ardo-Djobi early Monday, killing 18 of the local Fulani tribal population. One militiaman also died. Ibrahim Saleh, a resident of Bambari, confirmed the figures.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/central-african-republic-militia-kills-18-muslims-24262486**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/central-african-republic-militia-kills-18-muslims-24262486)

**Nigeria**

**Blast at Kano health college kills 8 people and 20 wounded**

An explosion has struck a public health college in the city of Kano, in the north, killing at least eight people, police say. At least 20 others were wounded in the blast at the Kano School of Hygiene. The Kano State police spokesperson, who confirmed the attack, said eight people had been killed and many others with horrific injuries had been taken to hospital for treatment. A media report says the blast occurred as students were struggling to meet a deadline to register for the new academic session. A teacher at the college reported that the blast seemed to originate from a car park next to the post-secondary training school. One person has been arrested, according to the police.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-27982795**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-27982795)

**Another 60 women abducted in Borno**

At least 60 women and girls have been reportedly abducted in a Borno village by gunmen suspected to be members of Boko Haram, locals and security sources have said. The abduction took place in a village called Kummabza, a farming community not more than 25km away from Lassa town in Askira-Uba local government area of Borno State.

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