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39 dead in Nigeria terror attacks

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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At least 39 churchgoers died in a number of terrorist attacks across Nigeria on Christmas Eve. Most of those killed were standing on the steps of a Catholic church near the capital Abuja. This bomb killed 35 and wounded 52. Another attack happened at a church in the city of Jos in central Nigeria. Emergency services could not cope with all the bodies. They did not have enough ambulances to take the injured to hospital. It was also difficult for rescue workers to get inside the church because of angry crowds blocking the entrance.

The terror attacks were the work of a group called Boko Haram. It has been responsible for at least 491 killings this year, including the August 2011 suicide attack on the UN headquarters in Abuja, in which more than 20 people died. Boko Haram is an Islamist organization. Its name means 'Western education is forbidden'. The group is fighting to set up sharia law in Nigeria. Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said the attacks were an attack on his country's safety and freedom. He said: "Nigerians must stand as one to condemn them."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. At least 39 | a. on the steps |
| 2. a number of terrorist attacks | b. churchgoers |
| 3. standing | c. with all the bodies |
| 4. cope | d. the entrance |
| 5. They did not have | e. across Nigeria |
| 6. angry crowds blocking | f. enough ambulances |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the work of a group | a. least 491 killings |
| 2. responsible for at | b. and freedom |
| 3. the UN | c. called Boko Haram |
| 4. Western education | d. headquarters |
| 5. his country's safety | e. one |
| 6. stand as | f. is forbidden |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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At least 39 churchgoers died _____ terrorist attacks across Nigeria on Christmas Eve. Most of those killed were _____ of a Catholic church near the capital Abuja. This bomb killed 35 _____. Another attack happened at a church in the city of Jos in central Nigeria. Emergency services could not cope with all the bodies. They did not have enough ambulances to _____ to hospital. It was also difficult _____ to get inside the church because of _____ the entrance.

The terror attacks _____ a group called Boko Haram. It has been responsible for at least 491 killings this year, including the August 2011 _____ the UN headquarters in Abuja, in which more than 20 people died. Boko Haram is an Islamist organization. _____ 'Western _____'. The group is fighting to set up sharia law in Nigeria. Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said the attacks were an attack on _____ and freedom. He said: "Nigerians must _____ condemn them."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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At least 39 churchgoers (1) _____ in a number of terrorist attacks across Nigeria on Christmas Eve. Most of those (2) _____ were standing on the steps of a Catholic church near the capital Abuja. This bomb killed 35 and (3) _____ 52. Another attack happened at a church in the city of Jos in (4) _____ Nigeria. Emergency services could not cope (5) _____ all the bodies. They did not have enough ambulances to take the injured to hospital. It was also difficult for rescue workers to get inside the church because of angry crowds (6) _____ the entrance.

The terror attacks were the (7) _____ of a group called Boko Haram. It has been responsible for at least 491 (8) _____ this year, including the August 2011 (9) _____ attack on the UN headquarters in Abuja, in which more than 20 people died. Boko Haram is an Islamist organization. Its name means 'Western education is (10) _____'. The group is fighting to set (11) _____ sharia law in Nigeria. Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said the attacks were an attack on his country's safety and freedom. He said: "Nigerians must stand as (12) _____ to condemn them."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) dead | (b) death | (c) died |
| 2. | (a) killing | (b) killed | (c) killer |
| 3. | (a) wounded | (b) wound | (c) wounds |
| 4. | (a) centre | (b) centrally | (c) central |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) with | (c) of |
| 6. | (a) blocked | (b) blocks | (c) blocking |
| 7. | (a) work | (b) career | (c) task |
| 8. | (a) killings | (b) killing | (c) kills |
| 9. | (a) pesticide | (b) genocide | (c) suicide |
| 10. | (a) forbid | (b) forbidden | (c) forbids |
| 11. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) on |
| 12. | (a) two | (b) one | (c) all |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. 39 gheohcurcsr
2. tindsgna on the steps
3. emergency rsevesic
4. take the juidern to hospital
5. ucseer workers
6. blocking the aetnncre

Paragraph 2

7. rrtoer attacks
8. 491 sgklinil
9. ciudes attack
10. Western education is nobifddre
11. syeaft and freedom
12. stand as one to cennomd them

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () killed 35 and wounded 52. Another attack happened at a church in the city of Jos in central
- () Nigeria. Emergency services could not cope with all the bodies. They did not have enough ambulances to take
- () killed were standing on the steps of a Catholic church near the capital Abuja. This bomb
- () law in Nigeria. Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said the attacks were an attack on his country's
- () The terror attacks were the work of a group called Boko Haram. It has been responsible
- (**1**) At least 39 churchgoers died in a number of terrorist attacks across Nigeria on Christmas Eve. Most of those
- () means 'Western education is forbidden'. The group is fighting to set up Sharia
- () safety and freedom. He said: "Nigerians must stand as one to condemn them."
- () the injured to hospital. It was also difficult for rescue workers to get
- () inside the church because of angry crowds blocking the entrance.
- () headquarters in Abuja, in which more than 20 people died. Boko Haram is an Islamist organization. Its name
- () for at least 491 killings this year, including the August 2011 suicide attack on the UN

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. terrorist of number A Nigeria across attacks.

2. in happened church city attack a the Another at.

3. Emergency bodies not services all cope could the with.

4. ambulances They not enough did have.

5. church for to the Difficult workers inside rescue get.

6. killings has for 491 It responsible least been at.

7. August the 2011 UN suicide attack The on.

8. The fighting up is set law group to Sharia.

9. attacks attack country's The an his were on safety.

10. as one Nigerians to must condemn stand them.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. BOKO HARAM: Search the Internet and find more information about this group. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the terror attacks in Nigeria. Include an imaginary interview with a rescue worker. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a terror expert. Ask him/her three questions about terror. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.