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U.S. Condemns Boko Haram Attacks in Chad

The United States strongly condemns the horrific and indiscriminate Boko Haram suicide attack on the Grand Marche in the Chadian capital of N'Djamena on Saturday, July 11, as well as attacks in Cameroon, Niger, and Nigeria over the past two days. Boko Haram's targeting of men, women, and children highlights that the group's brutality and barbarism know no bounds, and we remain committed to working closely with the region to root out the threat posed by the group.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the soldiers, government officials, and civilians killed; we hope those who were injured will recover quickly.

The United States praises the security forces of Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria for their timely responses to these callous and cowardly attacks on innocent civilians.

The United States continues to support the governments and people of the Lake Chad Basin region in their ongoing struggle to degrade and defeat Boko Haram. We support these efforts through a number of security and counterterrorism assistance programs, including intelligence, advisors, training, and equipment. We look forward to expanding this support both bilaterally with the individual countries and to the Multinational Joint Task Force, which the Lake Chad Basin countries and Benin are in the process of standing up to coordinate their counter Boko Haram campaign.

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