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A Thread.

As a Believer, one of the greatest tests of my life is granting real forgiveness to all those who because of Politics twisted my deep agony and agitation for rescue of ChibokGirls into all forms of wicked accusations I have had to bear since 2014. And yet I must.

In this 2018 tweet, I was recounting how the @BBCAfrica handle broke the news of the abduction of ChibokGirls on the 15th and my immediate reaction was to ask them if the news was “verified”.
I mean, it was hard to imagine hundreds of schoolchildren being abducted. It was hard. https://t.co/aWEw3W69P5

> This was what on that April15 2014 I tweeted @ the .@BBCAfrica handle the first time I ever heard of the #ChibokGirlsAbduction:
>
> Verified? @BBCAfrica: Over 200 girls have been abducted in an attack on a school in north-east #Nigeria, parents say https://t.co/NKMOruZCI2\u2026\u201d
>
> — Oby Ezekwesili (@obyezeks) February 1, 2018

My follow-on tweet after asking @BBCAfrica if their breaking news on the abduction was verified is captured below. It sank in my mind that it was BBC News and that by the quality control standards, it was near impossible to break unverified news. Ah. My eyes rolled down tears. https://t.co/Sd0oUc6jXk

> I followed on that 1st tweet with:
>
> I hope this is NOT TRUE. The @BBCAfrica reports that some 200 school girls were abducted LAST NIGHT in Borno State? Any Tweeps in Borno?
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> As I waited for some minutes to learn more, tears rolled involuntarily because my mind said \u201cit\u2019s BBC o\u201d
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As I waited handle out in Borno replied my tweet affirming the @BBCAfrica report .

My family remembers up until today how I wailed reading that.

It pierced straight to my heart that hundreds of poor innocent children of my fellow human beings were in the grips of terrorists. https://t.co/ksJEFfqCs8

> As I waited with sinking feeling on that April 15, 2014 a fellow responded to my tweet and here was my reaction:
>
> \u201cOh dear! Praying our Security Team ACTS swiftly&brings GOOD NEWS @othmanyakubu: @obyezeks abductions confirmed and the number is above 100.\u201d
>
> I started wailing.
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Those who by 2014 followed me here would remember that EVERYDAY from that April 15 afternoon, all I started tweeting about was a shout to the then FG and Military to ACT SWIFTLY and RESCUE the abducted ChibokGirls.

Sadly, the Presidency and FG pretended nothing had happened. https://t.co/Ogajj8Ywgo

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> Sadly, THE FG PRETENDED NOT TO HEAR ME.
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There was a hashtag that preceded #BringBackOurGirls. It was #WhereAreOur85Daughters?
That was the number the @HQNigerianArmy stated were missing.
The @NGRPresident @NigeriaGov kept mute until May. When they finally spoke, it was to argue on the number of abducted girls. Tragic. https://t.co/7DG18i2aZp

> I tweeted daily on the school girls. Then 20th April 2014 after many days of silence followed by misinformation by the @HQNigerianArmy that the girls had been rescued & later RECANTING that 85 Girls were missing; I started a hashtag for their rescue: #WhereAreOur85Daughters.
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If you wish, this link below is a whole thread that will make you wonder if 2020 is 2014.
Nothing of what parents of #KankaraBoys are experiencing in the hands of @NGRPresident @NigeriaGov at this time is any different from what #ChibokParents went through. We are never governed. https://t.co/4Epj2I3Vck

> On that April 20, 2014 this was one of my tweets:

> \u201cYet another night - the 6th- since last Monday night when they were abducted. #WhereAreOur85Daughters ? Is our Rescue Op 4 them EFFECTIVE?\u201d
>
> Then I urged tweeps to please keep tweeting #WhereAreOur85Daughters to CALL OUT THE FG.
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The outrage I feel about the tragedy of #KankaraBoys cannot be vocalized.

That 6 years after #ChibokGirls with 112 still unaccounted for?

That 2 years after #DapchiGirls with #LeahSharibu still unaccounted for?

Now 333 #KankaraBoys abducted?

The biggest shame on @MBuhari .

For those who see every tragedy that befalls others as an opportunity to throw useless political stones @ your fellow citizens for doing what all of us should have done when #ChibokGirls were abducted, may God heal your conscience to care about Victims. May God help you be human.

President @MBuhari should leave his cows for once in preference for the lives of his fellow human beings.

It is inhuman for a supposed leader of a country to be as incaring as you are to this latest cries of parents of 333 #KankaraBoys .

Why are you so inhuman, @MBuhari ??

But then again, until the citizens of Nigeria consider themselves worthy of Good Governance, a pattern of inhuman leadership will always be given by the likes of @MBuhari .

His abnormal actions in office have made clear that we should demand an independent medical evaluation.

When citizens are ready to collectively demand an independent medical evaluation of a President @MBuhari who clearly has lost touch with reality, people like him will get the signal that Nigerian people have decided :
No more ChibokGirls tragedy.
No more Dapchi
No more Kankara✍■