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SRSG SAID DJINNIT MET MS. MALALA YOUSAFZAI ON CHIBOK GIRLS

Abuja, 15 July, 2014- The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Western Africa, and High-Level Representative of the Secretary-General to Nigeria, Mr. Said Djinnit, met yesterday in Abuja with Girls' education activist, Ms. Malala Yousafzai. They discussed support to the escapees from the abducted Chibok school girls, their families and the affected communities in general.

Mr. Djinnit who arrived in Nigeria at the weekend in continuation of his high level consultations in relation to the abduction of the school girls and the general security situation in north eastern Nigeria, informed that the United Nations system in Nigeria had started implementing an integrated support package for the North-East, which includes provisions for assistance to the Chibok girls, their families and affected communities. Mr. Djinnit paid tribute to Malala for her courage and devotion for the promotion of girls' education.

On her part, Ms. Malala expressed concern about the plight of the abducted girls and urged the United Nations to assist the escapees from the abducted Chibok girls to go back to school. "The Malala Fund would be willing to partner with the United Nations efforts to mitigate the impact of the abduction on the girls and their parents," she declared.

Ms. Malala briefed SRSG Djinnit on the productive meeting she had with President Goodluck earlier on the day on the issue of the abducted school girls.

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