

## 137 Yola

Yola honors the 276 schoolgirls kidnapped from their dormitories in the town of Chibok, Nigeria, on the night of April 14, 2014. A jihadist terrorist organization, Boko Haram, claimed responsibility for the kidnapping. This extremist group, whose name translates as “Western education is sin” violently opposes the education of women.

Not only were the students raped, but they were also purposefully impregnated to provide the next generation of fighters. To radicalize the girls, they were tortured, forcibly taught Koranic dogma and made to execute male prisoners. They faced gang rape if they didn’t convert to Islam, or “marriage” to fighters if they did. Told that they would go directly to heaven, the girls were given funerals before being sent out as human bombs.

Yola has not been completely brainwashed. When presented with her “opportunity to go to heaven,” she bravely chooses instead to expose not only her bombing vest but her sacred body, her genitals and budding breasts, in a plea to return to her community. She holds the detonator in one hand and her heart in the other.

More than 100 of the Chibok schoolgirls are still missing.