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Expert Notes: Politics

Instructions: Use the space below to take notes on what you think are important facts and concerns about Nigerian politics, based on the articles you have been given and discussion with your Expert Group. Note how these political factors may affect the situation with Boko Haram. You will use these notes later to create policy recommendations.

Questions to discuss with your Expert Group:

1. What are some of the controversies surrounding Goodluck Jonathan and his government?
2. What kinds of demands are Nigerian people making of their government?
3. How might the political situation in Nigeria help Boko Haram to gain and keep power? How might it impact the government's response?

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Expert Notes: Society

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Questions to discuss with your Expert Group:

1. Based on the categories in “Nigeria: A Nation Divided” by the BBC, how is Nigeria socially divided?
2. What are some of the religious differences in Nigeria?
3. How might concerns about social divides and human rights help Boko Haram to gain and keep power? How might they impact the Nigerian government’s ability to respond?

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Expert Notes: Economy

Instructions: Use the space below to take notes on what you think are important facts and concerns about Nigeria's economy, based on the articles you have been given and discussion with your Expert Group. Note how these economic factors may affect the situation with Boko Haram. You will use these notes later to create policy recommendations.

Questions to discuss with your Expert Group:

1. Is Nigeria's wealth concentrated towards the North or the South of the country? From the maps in "Nigeria: A Nation Divided" by the BBC, what else is concentrated towards this part of the country?
2. Why might oil be described as a "curse" in Nigeria? How has it had negative effects on the country?
3. How might economic issues help Boko Haram to gain and keep power? How might they impact the Nigerian government's ability to respond?

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