

**BET Networks in Association with Arise TV Presents the BET News Special "STOLEN INNOCENCE: YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE OUR DAUGHTERS," Premiering Friday, May 23 at 7 PM ET/PT on BET and Saturday, May 24 at 10 PM ET/ 7 PM PT on CENTRIC**

**Moderated by Lola Ogunnaike and Marc Lamont Hill, the Town Hall Forum Will Focus on the Human Trafficking Crisis Affecting Communities Worldwide**

**Panelists Include Nicole Ari Parker, Tasha Smith, Ony Nwaohuocha, Emelia Orubele, Omoyele Sowore, Temeka Weatherly and Leah Albright-Byrd**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The sexual exploitation of children has become the third largest money generator for organized crimes, exceeding the sale of illegal firearms and drugs.\* BET Networks in association with Arise TV will address this global issue in the BET News Special **"STOLEN INNOCENCE: YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE OUR DAUGHTERS"** premiering **Friday, May 23 at 7PM ET/PT on BET and Saturday, May 24 at 10 PM ET/ 7 PM PT on CENTRIC**. Moderated by **Lola Ogunnaike** and **Marc Lamont Hill**, the one-hour community town hall forum will focus on the recent kidnappings of nearly 300 Nigerian school girls, the global response to this crisis and the rising exploitation of children around the world.



From L-R: Temeka Weatherly (Director at Wellspring Living) Leah Albright-Byrd (Survivor and Founder of Bridget's Dream), Tasha Smith (Actress and Activist), Nicole Ari Parker (Actress and Activist) and moderator Lola Ogunnaike discuss sex trafficking in the BET News special "STOLEN INNOCENCE: YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE OUR DAUGHTERS" premiering Friday, May 23 at 7PM ET/PT on BET. (Photo: Business Wire)

Taped Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia at Turner Studios, the town hall special will expand the conversation past the current headlines of the Nigerian kidnappings and explore how the human trafficking crisis is affecting our communities on a global scale and its ties to many cities in the United States, including Atlanta. Panelists include **Nicole Ari Parker** (Actress and Activist), **Tasha Smith** (Actress and Activist), **Ony Nwaohuocha** (Attorney and Journalist), **Emelia Orubele** (President/CEO American Nigerian International Chamber of Commerce), **Omoyele Sowore** (Journalist), **Temeka Weatherly** (Director at Wellspring Living), **Leah Albright-Byrd** (Survivor and Founder of Bridget's Dream). Additional participants in the town hall include **Dr. Bernice King** (Minister) and **India.Arie** (Singer, Activist). Arise TV reporter **Charles Aniagolu** will be on the ground in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, to provide an update on the recent kidnappings.

For more information go to [BET.com/OurDaughters](http://BET.com/OurDaughters). Join the conversation on twitter by using the hashtag #OurDaughters.

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\* *The FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Human Trafficking 2011*, by Amanda Walker Rodriguez and Rodney Hill.

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