



Boko Haram Violence in Nigeria

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Boko Haram is a jihadist and takfiri militant organization operating mainly in northeastern Nigeria. The organization was founded in 2001 by Mohammed Yusuf. The group seeks to establish a "pure" Islamic state that is ruled by sharia law. Boko Haram mainly targets Christians and government targets through church bombings, attacks on schools and police stations, kidnappings, and assassinations. Cities such as Maiduguri and Kano have been devastated the most by Boko Haram.

It is important to understand that data represented in this map is incomplete. These are events in which Boko Haram has claimed responsibility, however they are believed to be responsible for many other attacks. It is estimated that Boko Haram is responsible for the death of 10,000 people between 2001 and 2013. The United States recognizes Boko Haram as a terrorist organization



Number of Attacks	City/State
5	Abuja
1	Adamawa
1	Bama
4	Bauchi
1	Borno
2	Gombe
5	Jos
6	Kaduna
3	Kano
1	Kogi
14	Maiduguri
1	Sapele
1	Suleja
2	Taraba
1	Yobe

Number of Attacks	Year
4	2010
15	2011
27	2012
2	2013



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