

# Major attacks by Nigeria's Boko Haram

**Boko Haram** – an Al Qaeda-inspired sect which wants strict Islamic law throughout Nigeria – has threatened more attacks after a series of blasts and gun battles killed at least 150 people in the country's northeast

■ **Jul 2009:** Boko Haram stages attacks in cities of **Bauchi** and **Maiduguri**. Some 800 people are killed in five days of fighting

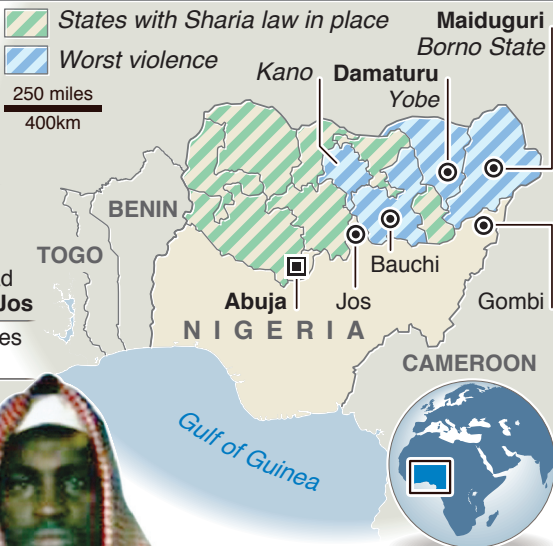
■ **Jan 2010:** Clashes between Christians and Muslims leave at least 150 people dead around frontline city of **Jos**

■ **Mar:** Religious clashes claim 120 lives in **Jos**

■ **Jul:** Deputy leader **Abubakar Shekau** claims leadership of Boko Haram – vows to continue fight against Western influence in Nigeria

■ **Dec 24:** Boko Haram bombings kill at least 80 people in **Jos**. Some 200 killed in reprisal attacks between Christians and Muslims, with many hacked to death or burned alive

■ **Jun 2011:** First suicide bomb attack in Nigeria targets police headquarters in **Abuja**. Bomb attacks on bar-cafe in **Maiduguri** kill 25 people



■ **Aug 25:** Boko Haram attacks police station and two banks in **Gombi**, killing 12 people

■ **Aug 26:** Car bomb attack on UN building in **Abuja** kills at least 23 and injures over 70 others

■ **Nov 4:** Bomb and gun attacks target police stations, army base and churches in **Damaturu**, **Maiduguri** and two other small towns, killing at least 150 people

