


Nigeria's Boko Haram

The violent Islamist insurgency in northern Nigeria that killed at least 178 people last week is feeding on ethnic tension between the mainly Muslim north and Christian south

 States with Sharia law in place

 Boko Haram activity



■ Boko Haram means “Western education is sinful” in Hausa language

■ Active since 2003, demanding adoption of Sharia law in all Nigeria

■ Led by **Abubakar Shekau** since sect leader **Mohammed Yusuf** died in police custody in 2009

■ Believed to have members within government and military

