

Nigeria declares state of emergency

President Goodluck Jonathan has imposed a state of emergency in three northern states, admitting that the Islamist **Boko Haram** group – whose four-year insurgency has killed some 3,600 people – now controls large parts of Borno state and poses a threat to Nigeria's territorial integrity

"Shura council" leader **Abubakar Shekau**





1980: Economic crisis drives wave of Islamic fervour in north

2002: Radical cleric **Mohammed Yusuf** founds fundamentalist Islamic movement **Boko Haram** – meaning "Western education is sinful" in Hausa language – in Borno

2009: Boko Haram launches rebellion aimed at creating Islamic state across

Nigeria. 800 people – including Yusuf – die in ensuing military crackdown

Apr 2013: Insurgent leader Abubakar Shekau denounces attempts to set up body to formulate terms for amnesty

 States with Sharia law
 Boko Haram activity

Baga, Apr 16: Army claims to have killed 30 Boko Haram fighters. Rights groups say almost 200 people, mainly civilians, died



Bama, May 7: Around 200 gunmen stage co-ordinated attacks on military barracks and police, killing 55 people