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ARMED men suspected to be members of the [Boko Haram](#) sect have burnt the [Damboa Police Station](#) in Borno State, killing four policemen and a traffic warden.

They also killed eight others persons after raiding the [Damboa Police Barrack](#) and a commercial bank yesterday at about 8.30 a.m.

The armed Islamists allegedly came in three vehicles with [Kalashnikov rifles and explosives](#), used in setting the police station ablaze, before they proceeded to attack the bank and the police barrack that accommodates over 100 policemen in Damboa, 87 kilometres south of Maiduguri, the state capital.

Confirming the multiple attacks and killings, , the Police Commissioner, Mohammed Abubakar, told reporters that about 70 armed sect member attacked Damboa and killed many policemen and civilians caught up in the cross-fire between security personnel and Boko Haram gunmen.

Abubakar said: "Today (yesterday) is a black day for both the police and other security agents, as the armed sect members came in three vehicles to launch attacks on the Damboa Police Divisional Office, police barrack and a commercial bank, after killing four of our officers and men and a traffic warden at their duty posts."

He said after assessing the insecurity situation in Damboa caused by the multiple attacks and killings, the police are working hard to fight the Islamist sect, until they are routed out from the state.

The suspects, according to him, used explosives and Kalashnikov rifles in attacking the police station and barrack.

He told The Guardian that "some arrests have been made and we are going to arrest more of these suspects that killed many of our officers and men on field and in their residences in Maiduguri, Bama and Biu."

He directed four units of policemen to Damboa town to hunt for the fleeing suspects that escaped into the adjoining forest, Biu and Gwoza Hills, 187 and 135 kilometres south of Maiduguri.

On the casualty level, Abubakar said of the 13 people that were killed, four were policemen, one traffic warden, and eight civilians.

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