17 Jan: Insurgents damage power transmission facilities outside Maiduguri, leading to blackouts in Maiduguri. Lines were affected between Damaturu and Maiduguri and between Damboa and Maiduguri.

28 Jan: BH kill 2 truck drivers sleeping at an unmanned security post outside Maiduguri, foreshadowing the attack on Auno a few days later, during which 30 civilians were killed under similar circumstances

• 9 Feb: Insurgents kill 30 sleeping civilians (see Damaturu section above)