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Gunmen kill 11 in Borno

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M AIDUGURI—
Suspected Boko
Haram Islamists have killed
11 people, residents and a
local lawmaker said on
Friday.

The attack happened late
Thursday in the town of
Damboa in Borno state,
Boko Haram's stronghold
and where the government
imposed a state of
emergency as it pursues an
offensive against the
insurgent group.

"The attack lasted until
about midnight," said
Adamu Isah, a student who
lives in Damboa. He said
groups of gunmen opened
fire on police and civilians
and that "11 people died."

He blamed the attack on
"Boko Haram" fighters.

State lawmaker Ayamu
Lawan Gwasha, who
represents Damboa,
confirmed the details, as did
a local security official who
requested anonymity.

Both Isah and the
lawmaker spoke to reporters
in Borno's capital
Maiduguri, roughly 85
kilometres (52 miles) from
Damboa. Both said they had
fled to the capital after the
attack.

Details were slow to
emerge and the area military
spokesman could not be
reached for comment
because of a phone blackout
imposed by the military, an
operational measure meant
to block the Islamists from
coordinating attacks.

The phones have been
down in Borno since May,
when the state of emergency
was declared.

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