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LAGOS (AP) - An official with the Nigerian Red Cross says the death toll from a series of attacks carried out by a radical Muslim sect in northeast Nigeria has risen to more than 100.

Red Cross official Ibrahim Bulama told The Associated Press on Sunday that he expects the number to rise as local clinics and hospitals tabulate their numbers in Damaturu, the capital of Yobe state.

A radical Muslim sect known locally as Boko Haram claimed responsibility for the attacks Friday, which included suicide bombings and shootings in the cities of Damaturu and Maiduguri. Nearly all the deaths occurred in and around Damaturu.

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