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Boko Haram slaughters dozens of `unbelievers` in new video

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USPA News - Boko Haram militants have slaughtered dozens of men in a dormitory in northeastern Nigeria, according to a new video released by the Islamist group this weekend, warning that they will no longer take prisoners and will "kill until the land is red with blood." The video is believed to have been filmed in November in the northeastern town of Bama, which was seized by the Boko Haram in early September after fierce fighting with government forces, prompting thousands of civilians to flee.

The group said the men were killed because they were not `true Muslims` and refused to join the Boko Haram. The 11-minute video shows the brutal slaughter inside a dormitory, with multiple gunmen firing repeatedly at men who are lying face down. The shaky and low quality of the video makes it hard to determine how many people were killed in the brutal attack, but at least 55 victims can be seen, possibly more. The militants inside the dormitory randomly fire at the defenseless victims, some of whom are in bunk beds, and the gunmen have difficulty moving around as most of the floor is covered in victims. Most of the victims appear to be adult men, though at least one victim appears to be a teenager. After the slaughter ends, a young boy - estimated to be 16 or 17 years old - addresses the camera, saying that the prophet Mohammed had made a mistake by advising that prisoners should be held, not killed. "We will kill until the land is red with blood and then we will decide whether we want to keep those still alive as prisoners," he said. For now, however, the group said it is "not the time" to hold and feed prisoners. "For now, wherever we go, we shall kill, slaughter and scatter. That is our job," the boy says while surrounded by other militants. "Because of the covenant we have with Allah we can`t live with unbelievers on the same land." The boy continues by emphasizing that their victims are "unbelievers" and that while some may claim to be Muslims, the Boko Haram considers them to be `infidels.` "You are either Muslim or non-Muslim. You are either a believer or an unbeliever. These people we have killed refused to believe and wanted to remain unbelievers, so we killed them," he adds. The Boko Haram, which declared a caliphate earlier this year in areas it controls in northeastern Nigeria, is seeking the imposition of an extremist stance of the Shariah law, which is a Muslim code of conduct. The group`s name, in the local language of Hausa, roughly translates as `Western religion is sacrilegious` or `non-Islamic religion is a sin.`.

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