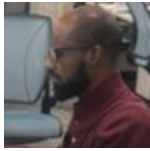


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Shekau's video released yesterday indicates that he is as committed to [#BokoHaram](#)'s ideology as he was 15 years ago. It reinforces the group's 5 key messages that: 1. Western-style schooling is forbidden; 2. Democracy is unbelief; 3. Secular governments must be destroyed; 1/



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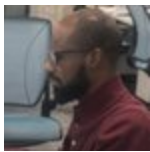
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4. Muslim must reject and fight western-style schools, democracy and secular governments. Otherwise, they've apostasized; 5. Boko Haram's violence is sanctioned and supported by God. He reiterates that any Muslim who disagrees with him is a believer worthy of death. 2/

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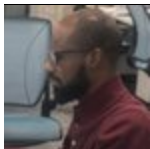
He self-references his lectures b/w 2004 & 2009 in Maiduguri and the old videos are overlaid on this one. This is the first time Shekau's sound bites are used. BH's old videos are available and easily accessible on

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and it's most likely where BH got them from. 3/



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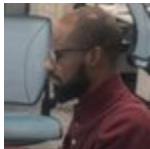
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He refers to Dr. Sanusi Iguda's "Dafin Boko" to support Boko Haram's rejection of western-style school. Dr. Iguda, a lecturer in the Mass Comm Depart of Bayero University, wrote on practices in these schools that contradict Islamic or cultural teachings and called for reform. 4/



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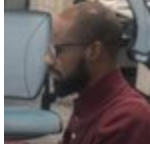
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He is however consistently misinterpreted by Boko Haram as advocating for the rejection of the system. This is clearly not Dr. Iguda's intention who himself teaches in a western-style University. Shekau also cites Babs Fafunwa's "History of Education in Nigeria" to show... 5/

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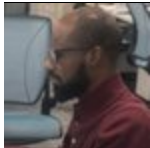
... that western-style schooling originated from a Judeo-Christian West and its philosophy is not only un-Islamic but also anti-Islam and Islamic texts in support. This is how Boko Haram misinterprets Islamic texts and quotes Muslim scholars and authors out of context.

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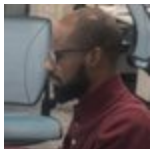
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Shekau, who is planked by several fighters in camouflage, denies insinuations on the back of one of his previous videos that his eyesight has reduced. He smiles and opens his eye wide to the camera saying "My eyesight is excellent". 7/



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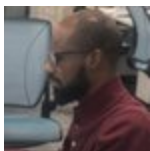
He denies reports by

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that some of his fighters don't pray. "Those who don't pray are disbelievers", he said. This indicates that [#BokoHaram](#) monitors reactions to its videos and its news coverage. He concludes by shooting into the air saying "I'm a gun maniac". 8/



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This video is intended to recruit fighters, funders and sympathizers; it demonstrates that Shekau is alive and that he's committed to his group's ideology as always. It also shows that, contrary to reports, the faction of Boko Haram he leads (JAS) remains a potent threat.

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