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# Boko Haram: Ndume Condemns Killing Of 5 Soldiers, 2 Immigration Officers, 58 Civilians

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Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume (APC Borno South) has condemned fresh Boko Haram attacks in Darajamal community of Bama and Monguno local government areas of Borno State.

In Darajamal village, five soldiers and 58 civilians were killed while an unspecified number of people, mostly women and girls, were abducted, even as ground troops of North East Joint Task Force 'Operation Hadin Kai' with support from Air Component responded swiftly and killed over 30 of the attackers while fleeing into the bush on Friday night.

The attack in Monguno last Thursday also claimed the lives of two immigration officers.

Darajamal, a newly reconstructed and resettled community situated along Bama-Banki road in Borno Central, is over 100 km from Maiduguri, while

Monguno is about 136kms drive from Maiduguri, the state capital and located in the heart of Northern Borno Senatorial District.

In a press statement signed by Ndume, a copy which was made available to LEADERSHIP yesterday, the senator expressed shock over the unabated renewed attacks and killings in some parts of the state.

He sympathised with the government and

the people of Borno, especially the families of the victims, including those of the soldiers and Immigration officers. He prayed Allah to grant all souls of the deceased Aljannatul Firdaus.

The Senator also called on the federal government to prioritise security, safety and welfare of all Nigerians in this trying moment.

He however commended the troops of 'Operation Hadin Kai' and other security agencies for their sacrifices in making Borno safe and peaceful, but lamented that, in the past few months, several communities in Borno South, North and Central senatorial districts have been under siege by Boko Haram. A situation he described as worrisome.