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Unknown gunmen suspected to be Fulani militants have invaded the Mbawian community, Kendeve district of Mbaapen ward in Buruku Local Government Area of Benue State, killing many people and others with varying degrees of injuries.

The injured were said to be undergoing treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

The attack, which reportedly occurred on Thursday, rendered many people homeless.

Reacting to the incident, the House of Representatives member representing Buruku Federal Constituency, Rt. Hon. Sekav Dzua Iortyom, strongly condemned the unprovoked attack.

Hon. Iortyom, in a statement by his Senior Special Assistant on Media and Publicity, Comrade Iortyer Moses, expressed deep regret and worry on why the attacks continue unabated.

He expressed heartfelt sympathy to the families of the deceased and indeed the entire people of Buruku

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Federal Constituency over this unfortunate incident.

The federal lawmaker promised to raise the issue on the floor of the Green Chambers of the National Assembly to see how it can

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The House of Representatives Committee Chairman of Downstream Petroleum, Alhaji Ado Alhassan Doguwa, has said that the issue of local governments' autonomy in the country, is no longer non-negotiable.

He said: "Everyone should know and put it at the back of his mind that the issues of Local government autonomy as per this Honorable Hall of Chamber is concerned is non-negotiable we must work assiduously to have them with full powers of control".

Doguwa told Newsmen in Kano, Saturday, "Today the Insecurities, poverty, lack of Devel-

be tackled once and for all.

He called on all security agencies to be vigilant in order to forestall future attacks while advising constituents to be watchful and advance information to security agen-

cies to enable them curb the attacks.

Hon. Iortyom further appealed for calm while urging the security agencies to get to the root of the matter.

LG autonomy non-negotiable, Rep Doguwa

opment were all as a result of a malfunctioned local government areas the Country have".

Doguwa who appeared in full traditional regalia, noted "I remain the Sardauna Doguwa because as far as I am concerned the controversy surrounding their dissolution remains a subject of litigation".

He said, if the Legislators did their best on the autonomy of Local Governments, history would be kind to them additionally in trying for Nigeria to be great, adding that so far they remained the best institution that has made Democracy workable in the over 20 years of a non-stopped

Democratic Governance.

"It is on records that this very House did its best in the passage of the Petroleum Bill into Law and today as far as that Sector is concerned Nigeria is matching with its shoulders high in the comity of Nations".

He recalled several other Bills that were passed into law by the House and today the Nation is better up with them.

"Therefore, we should work the extra mile to ensure that the Local government autonomy is achieved that is why I want the Speaker to Chair the Constitutional Review Committee so that together we will do the magic".