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**URGENT NEED TO INTERVENE IN THE CRISIS IN TOTO LGA OF NASARAWA STATE  
BETWEEN THE EGBURA AND BASSA COMMUNITIES**

**Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi:**

**The House:**

Notes with concern the history of violent clashes between the Egbura and Bassa ethnic communities residing in Toto LGA of Nasarawa State where thousands of people were maimed and killed while many more forced into exile for their safety.

Also notes the most recent violent clashes between both communities in April 2018 with violent attacks on some settlements reportedly with the aid of hired Militia Commanders;

Aware that Military Troops of the 177 Guards Battalion while on raid operation at Ugya Village Toto Local Government Area of the Nasarawa State, located and destroyed some armed militia camps and recovered illegal weaponry.

Worried that members of both communities have resorted to taking laws into their hands in seeking redress over their grievances as they have evidently sort the assistance of hired Militia.

Concerned; that even with efforts by past administrations to try and reconcile both communities, the crisis seems to keep resurfacing.

Also concerned that if a lasting solution is not found to this re-occurring crisis between the Egbura and the Bassa communities, it will only compound the insecurity challenges currently facing our nation.

**Resolves to:**

- (i) Set up an Ad-hoc Committee to interface with Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution and investigate all the issues surrounding the crisis, including the complaints and petitions from the stakeholders of both tribes with a view to bringing lasting solutions to the problem;
- (ii) Also urge the Inspector-General of Police and all necessary law enforcement agencies to deploy personnel to the affected communities to contain the situation and avert bloodletting.
- (iii) Observe one minute of silence for the faithfully departed.

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