

# Catholic Priest Kidnapped, Murdered In Imo

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The police in Imo State have confirmed the murder of Reverend Father Cyriacus Onunkwo, a Catholic Priest, who was earlier kidnapped by yet to be identified gunmen.

The state police also confirmed that the priest was found dead in a bush where the abductors were believed to have killed him and dumped his corpse.

Father Onunkwo was allegedly snatched from his car in Orlu town, Orlu Local Government Area Imo State, Friday morning by gunmen.

Chris Ezike, Commissioner of Police in the state, disclosed that following a manhunt, a body was discovered in the bush of Omuma village in Orlu East Local Government Area on Saturday.

He added that the corpse had been identified as that of father Onunkwo.

The police boss was reported as saying that investigations were still on to unveil the killers of the priest and the motive behind the killing.

It was revealed that the late cleric's car was discovered intact, with nothing removed from it.

It was also disclosed the body of the slain priest did not bear any mark of violence, gunshot or stab wounds, leading to speculations that he may have been strangled.

No arrests have so far been made, even as CP Ezike said that his men were working round the clock to fish out the perpetrators of the act.

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