

Catholic priest shot dead

A CATHOLIC priest Reverend Patrick Adegbite was on Wednesday, shot dead by unknown gunmen at a pharmacy store in Lekki, Phase One, Lagos.

The gunmen suspected to be armed robbers, also took away the Reverend's car.

It was gathered that Adegbite, who is the parish priest of Saint Timothy and Titus Catholic Church, Ajah, was on his way home after an evening service when the incident occurred.

According to a source, the priest had stopped to buy drugs at the pharmacy shop at Agungi Shopping Complex Lekki, when armed men stormed the place.

The bandits ordered everybody inside the store to lie face down or be killed. All customers complied.

However, after collecting all the money in the store's cash machine and dispossessed customers of their money and other valuables, the hoodlums asked for the owner of the car parked outside.

It was learnt that the Rev-

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erend identified himself as the owner of the car.

The source said it was at this point that one of the gunmen said: "I will kill you now", and shot the priest.

When the robbers left the place with the car, sympathizers rushed the priest to a nearby hospital.

The Nation gathered that when information reached the Catholic Cathedral in Lagos, arrangements were made and the priest was transferred to the Military Hospital.

His body has been deposited in the hospital's mortuary.

Commenting on the incident, the Lagos Police Command's spokesman Mr Olubode Ojajuni, said the incident occurred around 9.30pm

According to him, the Commissioner of Police Mr Mohammed Abubakar has detailed officers at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Panti, Yaba, to investigate the incident.