## Gunmen hijack commercial bus in Rivers

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Gunmen have hijacked a commercial bus with 18 passengers and diverted it to a forest near Omurelu-Elele, on Owerri-Port Harcourt road, Rivers State.

The Nation learnt that the bus was travelling from Owerri, Imo State, to Port Harcourt when it was hijacked by the armed men.

The Commander of Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Monitoring Unit in Rivers State, Bennett Igwe, confirmed the incident to reporters.

He said efforts were on to rescue the victims.

The commander said the body of a Catholic priest, who was kidnapped two weeks ago, had been recovered after the kidnappers, believed to have collected ransom from the family, killed him.