

# Bandits abduct Rev Father, kill cook in Kaduna

**B**ANDITS have attacked a Catholic parish in Chawai, Kauru council of Kaduna State, kidnapping the parish priest, Rev Fr Joseph Shekari and killing his cook.

The cook was reportedly shot twice.

Catholic Chancellor, Kafanchan Diocese, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Okolo confirmed the development in a statement,

**From AbdulGafar Alabelewe, Kaduna**

saying, "The sad event occurred on Sunday, February 06, 2022 at about 11.30pm.

Rev Fr Shekari, he said, "was abducted from his residence at St. Monica's Catholic Church, Ikulu Pari, in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

"While we solicit for intense prayers for his quick and safe release, we equally wish to call

on all and sundry to refrain from taking the laws into their hands. We will use every legitimate means to ensure his quick and safe release.

"May Jesus crucified on the Cross, listen to our prayers and hasten the unconditional release of His Priest and all other kidnapped persons," Okolo said.

Police spokesman Mohammed Jalige did not take the reporter's phone calls for comments.