

# Seized Catholic Seminarian dies in kidnappers’ den,



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*... as Rev. Fr. regains freedom*

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A seminarian, Peter Andrew, who was seized on March 3 at the St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Iviukha, Etsako East Local Government Area, **Edo State**, has lost his life in the kidnappers’ den.

His body is yet to be located.

Andrew was kidnapped along with the parish priest, Rev. Fr. Philip Ekeli, who luckily regained his freedom.

Edo Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Moses Yamu, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), made the disclosure yesterday.

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Yamu said: “Intensive search and rescue operations by police operatives and vigilance members led to the release of the Rev. Father (Philip Ekeli) on 13/03/2025 at about 1652hrs in Amughe community.

"Bush combing continues with a view to recovering the remains of the Seminarian who regrettably lost his life in the process, as well as to arrest the remaining gang of the kidnappers."

One of the suspected kidnappers was neutralised (killed) and four suspected criminals were arrested on the day of the kidnap.

