Cleric, other drowned in Niger



The Parish Priest of St Anthony's Catholic Church in Gulu in Lapai Local Government Area of **Niger State**, Fr. James Omeh, has drowned alongside a female passenger identified as Charity John when his car fell into a gully, following a downpour.

It was learnt that Omeh was on his way to Gulu from Duma at noon on Saturday when he was caught in the heavy rain that caused floods, which washed away his Hilux van.

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The priest was also the Coordinator of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) in the local government.

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Efforts by volunteers failed as they could only recover the vehicle, and the lifeless bodies of the priest and John.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Superintendent of Police Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the incident saying that the bodies of the victims have been handed to the church for burial.