

# Gunmen hijack 18-seater bus

From **Tony John**, Port Harcourt

**GUNMEN** have hijacked a commercial bus with 18 passengers and diverted the vehicle into a forest in the Omurelu-Elele axis on Owerri-Port Harcourt road, Rivers State.

*Daily Sun* gathered that the bus was travelling from Owerri, Imo State, to Port Harcourt, when it was ambushed by gunmen.

Commander of Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Monitoring Unit in Rivers, DCP Bennett Igwe, who confirmed the development to journalists, said efforts were ongoing to rescue the victims unhurt, with his team leading the operation.

Igwe also disclosed that the corpse of a Catholic priest, who was kidnapped two weeks ago, has been recovered after the kidnappers, believed to have collected ransom from the family of the victim, killed him.

Meanwhile, a source from Omurelu disclosed that there was mass arrest in community, following the latest incident.

The Rivers State Police Command was yet to confirm the report in Omurelu and Elele communities within Ikwerre Local Government Area of the state.

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