

Enugu Catholic priest assassination: Police arrest 38 suspects

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“Consequently, police operatives under the Udenu Area Command’s coverage have arrested 38 suspects, following bush combing and raids of different black spots in the area. Incriminating exhibits were recovered, while the suspects are currently undergoing screening,” the statement read.

The CP also condoled with the Catholic Church and the family of the slain priest, assuring them that the killers would not escape justice.

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