

IGP orders manhunt for killers of Catholic Priest

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The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr. Mohammed Adamu, has ordered massive manhunt for the killers of the Parish Priest of St. James the Greater Catholic Church, Ugbawka in Enugu State. Fr. Offu, who was of the Catholic Diocese of Enugu, was shot dead last Thursday by gunmen along the Agbudu Road in Awgu LGA of the state.

The Force Public Relations Officer, DCP Frank Mba, who conveyed the IGP's directive in a statement, said a similar order had been made for the rescue of 5 pastors of the Redeemed Chris-

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tian Church of God (RCCG), who were kidnapped on their way to a meeting in Lagos.

"Consequently, crack detectives from the IGP-Intelligence Response Unit (IRT), the Forensic and Homicide sections of the Force Criminal Investigation Department (FCID) have been deployed to Enugu State to complement the Command in their investigations into the unfortunate incident. In addition, the AIG in charge of Zone 9 Headquarters has been directed to mobilize more units of Police Mobile Force (PMF) personnel to black spots in Enugu State.

"In a similar vein, intensified operations have commenced for the rescue of RCCG Pastors who

were abducted along J3 Area of Ogbere on their way to Lagos from the Eastern part of the Country. Tactical and Operational assets of the Force have been deployed with the Commissioner of Police, Ogun State Command taking the lead-role in the search and rescue operations.

"The IGP, while condemning the killing of the Catholic priest and the abduction of the clergymen, calls for calm and assures that the perpetrators will not go unpunished. He therefore enjoins the public to avail the Police with credible information that will assist in apprehending the criminals", Mba said.

Vandalism: Sanwo-Olu to pull down structures along pipelines

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Following intelligence reports on the causes of pipeline explosion in Ijegan area, the Lagos State Governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has disclosed that plans have been concluded to pull down illegal structures located within Ijegan community in Alimosho Local Government and other parts of the state.

Briefing journalists after the monthly security meeting held at the State House, Alausa Secretariat, Ikeja, which was attended by security chiefs in the state, Sanwo-Olu noted that security reports showed that continued existence of the structures would aid vandals in destruction of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) pipelines within the state.

To beef up the security around the community to forestall future vandalism, Sanwo-Olu said the state government would work with all security agencies including Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, (NSCDC), to remove the structures.

He said: "During the meeting, we discussed the incident around pipeline vandalism which brought us down last month. We have resolved among ourselves that we will stop at nothing, including engaging the communities where these facilities are located, to give our people assurance.

"And part of the things that will happen it will be unlikely that some properties will not be removed in some locations because we have done aerial surveillance and we discovered that some property were used for bunkering and as store house for jerry cans.

"The government is coming to remove those structures and de-

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