

# Terrorists murder abducted Catholic priest in Kaduna

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**D**ays after two Catholic priests were abducted in Kaduna State, one of them has been killed.

Two of the priests Very Rev. Fr. John Mark Chietnum and Rev. Fr. Donatus Cleopas, were abducted together from their Parish, however, the body of Chietnum has been discovered.

The clerics were abducted from their rectory, Christ the King Catholic Church, Yadin Garu in Lere Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

A statement by the Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan and signed Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Uchechukwu

Okolo, said while Chietnum was killed, Cleopas escaped from the kidnappers' den.

He also said the decomposing body of the priest was discovered on Tuesday. The victim was believed to have been murdered on the same day he was abducted.

Before his demise Father Chietnum was the Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Jema'a Local Government Area and also the coordinating CAN chairman, Southern Kaduna.

The statement said: "As we solicit for prayer for the repose of our dear brother and Priest and God's consolation on his immediate family, we wish to call on all an sundry to refrain from taking the law into their hands."