

Catholic priest kidnapped, 10 gunmen neutralised in Anambra

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Tragedy occurred yesterday in Anambra State when a Catholic Priest was reportedly kidnapped while over 10 gunmen were neutralised at Orsumoghu and Orsuihteukwa axis of the state.

Reports had it that the cleric, Rev Fr Stanislaus Mbamara, a student of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka but attached to the Catholic Diocese of Nnewi, was allegedly kidnapped while returning to Nnewi from Awka.

According to a statement issued by the Chancellor of Nnewi Catholic Diocese, Rev Fr Raphael Ezogu, said the Priest was kidnapped on June 2, and taken to an undisclosed destination.

The statement added that no contact has so far been established, thus eliciting prayers for his quick release.

Though the Anambra State Police Command was yet to speak on these two incidents, the Joint Task Force on Security (JTF), reportedly stormed some of the camps of the gunmen in the two communities of Orsumoghu and Orsuihteukwa in Ihiala and Oru East Local Government Areas of Imo and Anambra states and neutralised the suspects.

Though, it was not clear yet the number of the gunmen that were neutralised unconfirmed reports had it that the number was more than 10 gang members

, who have been involved in the interstate attacks.

It was learnt that some of the suspects may be part of the gang members of a kin pin that were neutralised by security operatives three weeks ago in Anambra who died with four of his members.

Meanwhile, the Anambra State Commissioner for Homeland Matters, Chief Chikaodi Anaghara, has urged members of the public not to panic as security operatives have uncovered a plot by suspected gunmen to commence operations in Awka Capital.



L-R: Technical Assistant, Open Foundation West Africa Ghana (Convener, Obiageli Ezeilo; other volunteers, Shadali Mopa and Fr dia refresher training for teachers and students to commemora

Oil Subsidy: Rights group backs NLC over planned strike

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Enugu State-based human right group, International Solidarity For Peace and Human Rights Initiative has expressed support for the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) over her planned industrial strike in protest for the removal of petroleum

subsidy by the Federal Government.

The group in a statement released to journalists in Enugu yesterday by her president and secretary, Osmond Ugwu and Dr. Jerry Chukwuokolo, respectively, described the call by NLC for Nigerian workers to down tool as a step in the right direction.

The statement reads: "We support the timely response to the call of Ni-