

# Gunmen abduct priest in Taraba

...as 2 suffocate inside diesel reservoir in Kano

**T**he Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wukari, Most Rev Mark Nzukwein, yesterday confirmed the abduction of a priest of St Ann's Parish in Sarkin Kudu, Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State.

This is contained in a statement issued by the Communication Director of the Diocese, Rev. Fr. John Jerome in Jalingo.

He said the priest, Very Rev. Fr Thaddeus Tarhembe, was abducted by four armed men who invaded his rectory at about 2 am yesterday.

Nzukwein called on the public and all people of goodwill to pray for the safety and quick release of the priest by the abductors who are yet to make contact.

This is also as the Kano State Fire Service has confirmed the death of two people who suffocated while clearing a diesel reservoir on Saturday night in Kano.

This is contained in a statement issued to newsmen yesterday in Kano by the Public Relations Officer of the fire service, Alhaji Saminu Abdullahi.

He said that the incident occurred along Katsina road by Baban Gwari roundabout in Fagge Local Government Area.

Abdullahi gave the names of the deceased as Philip Osando, 40, and Philip Emmanuel, 35.

"We received an emergency call from one police Insp Abubakar Surajo at about 08:20 pm on Saturday, and we sent our rescue team to the scene at about 08:27p.m."

Abdullahi said the deceased were informed at their place of work to get ready to receive diesel, and they entered the diesel reservoir to clear the tank, but couldn't come out.

He said that the victims were retrieved by fire service personnel and handed over to the police.