



JESUITS EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

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It is with deep sadness and shock that the Eastern Africa Province announces the passing on of Fr. Victor-Luke Odhiambo, SJ. Fr. Victor-Luke, as he was commonly known, was killed during the early morning (around 2.00 am) of Thursday 15th November 2018, when unknown assailants attacked the Daniel Comboni Jesuit Residence in Cueibet where he resided. Four of the Jesuits in the community at that time had

already gone to sleep. The late Victor-Luke Odhiambo, SJ, was in the TV room when the assailants attacked. When the rest of the companions heard gunshots and noise, they pressed the alarm and the killers ran away – unfortunately, Victor-Luke was already dead!!

The motive behind the killing is unknown nor are the killers known. Security personnel came to the residence and patrolled the place and took control of the situation. The body has been moved from Cueibet to Rumbek for preservation at a hospital; there is no mortuary facility in Cueibet or Rumbek. Three of our companions - Frs. Kizito Busobozi, Omondi Bernard, Cyriac Malasi (who was visiting), and Scholastic Paschal Isimwamu - are still in Cueibet; only one companion traveled with the body to Rumbek. They are all in shock! The burial will be held this weekend in Rumbek; actual date to be communicated later.

At the time of his death, Fr. Victor-Luke Odhiambo was the principal of Mazzolari Teachers College in Cueibet and acting Superior of the Community since January 30, 2017. He had worked in South Sudan for approximately 10 years before this incident. Fr. Victor-Luke, SJ was born on 20th January 1956, entered the Society on 4th July 1978, and was ordained a priest on 22nd August 1987. He took his final vows on 30th May 1993.

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, **rest in peace**.

May the Lord grant him Eternal Rest!