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Body of Kidnapped Chaldean Archbishop Found in Grave

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Mosul (AINA) -- According to officials of the Chaldean Church, the body of Paulus Faraj Rahho, Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul, was found today in a grave in the Hay Al-Intisar quarter in south-east Mosul. An anonymous phone call was received by the police telling them where he was buried. The condition of the body indicated the Archbishop had been killed for some time. An autopsy has been scheduled to determine the cause of his death. Archbishop Rahho was kidnapped on February 29 (AINA [2-29-2008](#)).



Archbishop Paulos Rahho

The following is a list of priests kidnapped or killed in Iraq:

June 6, 2007

Fr. Hani Abdel Ahad, in his early 30s, was kidnapped a north-eastern section of Baghdad called Suleikh, along with five boys who were going with him to visit the city's minor seminar.

June 3, 2007

Fr. Ragheed Ganni and three deacons were gunned down in their car in Mosul. The car was booby trapped with explosives to prevent anyone from retrieving the bodies.



Fr. Ragheed Ganni

May 20, 2007

Fr. Nawzat P. Hanna was kidnapped in Baghdad and freed three days later. He was beaten while in captivity.

December 5, 2006

Fr. Samy Al Raiys was kidnapped in Baghdad and subsequently released after ransom was paid.

November 30, 2006

Fr. Mundhir al-Dayr of the Protestant Church in Mosul was found dead with a bullet in his head. He was abducted on November 26 and was found dead four days later. A message from the abductors demanded one million dollars as ransom or they will "kill all Christians starting with Fr. Al-Dayr."

November 19, 2006

Fr. Doglas Yousef Al Bazy was kidnapped in Baghdad and released nine days later after ransom was paid.

October 9, 2006

Fr. Paulos Iskander (Paul Alexander) was kidnapped by an unknown Islamic group and beheaded and dismembered three days later.

August 15, 2006

Fr. Saad Sirop, 34, head of the Theology Department at Babel College, the only university-level Christian institution in Iraq, was kidnapped in Baghdad and released one month later.



Father Paulos Iskandar

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