



AFRICA/CONGO DR - Parish pastor in Kanyabayonga, eastern DRC, killed

Kinshasa (Agenzia Fides) – Fr. Christian Bakulene, Pastor of the Parish of Saint Jean-Baptiste in Kanyabayonga, south of Butembo, in the territory of Lubero (North Kivu), eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, was murdered on November 8th.

The priest was on a motorcycle with a friend, returning to his parish, near the village of Mapere, when two armed men in military uniform blocked his way. Before Fr. Bakulene had time to park the motorcycle, one of the two soldiers shot him with several rounds of gunfire. The friend of the priest was unhurt and the two killers did not steal anything. According to local press, it seems the assassination was intended to frighten the priests working in the area. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 09/11/2010)