



## **AFRICA/SUDAN - The two priests kidnapped are well, negotiations are being held for their release**

Khartoum (Agenzia Fides) - "We know that the two priests are in good condition and are probably held in a place near the border between North and South Sudan", this is what sources of the Archbishopric in Khartoum told Fides.

The two priests, Father Joseph Makwey, forty years old, and Father Sylvester Mogga, thirty-five, were kidnapped on Sunday evening, January 15 from the parish of Saint Josephine Bakhita, in Rabak, a town 260 kilometers south of Khartoum (see Fides 18/01/2012)

"This afternoon there will be a meeting to decide to send a delegation to negotiate with the kidnappers to release the two priests", said sources of Fides, confirming that the kidnappers belong to a southern anti-government militia (which acts against the government of Juba). South Sudan accuses Khartoum of supporting Southern militias, while the North of Sudan in turn accuses Juba of providing assistance to armed groups operating in States in the north on the border with the South (LM) (Agenzia Fides 19/01/2012 )