

## **U.S. offers up to \$5 million for information on kidnapped bishops**

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The U.S. Department of State's Rewards for Justice program is offering a reward of up to \$5 million for information on ISIS kidnapping networks or the people responsible for kidnapping Christian clerics Maher Mahfouz, Michael Kayyal, Gregorios Ibrahim, Bolous Yazigi, and Paolo Dall'Oglio.

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# INFORMATION WANTED

## Five Christian clerics have been held by ISIS for 6 years.

Suspected extremists removed Greek Orthodox priest Maher Mahfouz and Armenian Catholic priest Michael Kayyal from a bus 30 km outside Aleppo on 9 February 2013, as they were en route to a monastery in Kafrun.

On 22 April 2013, Syrian Orthodox Archbishop Gregorios Ibrahim and Greek Orthodox Archbishop Bolous Yazigi were kidnapped and held by a group of armed men outside of Aleppo, Syria. The Archbishops were likely transferred from Northwest Syria to ISIS custody, and held in the Middle Euphrates Valley in Northeast Syria.

ISIS abducted Father Paolo Dall'Oglio on 29 July 2013 in Raqqa. Father Dall'Oglio was planning to meet with ISIS to ask for the release of kidnapped Christian clerics. ISIS kidnapped him instead.

We are interested in the whereabouts and safe return of these individuals. There is a reward of up to \$5 million for information on ISIS kidnapping networks or the people who committed these crimes. Absolute confidentiality is assured. If you have information about any of these men, please contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate or [info@rewardsforjustice.net](mailto:info@rewardsforjustice.net).



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