THE Sunday World has tracked down an elderly priest who is wanted by Gardaí for a string of child sex crimes.

This is Father Arthur Carragher (79) who has been hiding, from Irish justice in a home for retired clergymen in Toronto, Canada.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in Dublin has recommended that if he were brought back they should be charged with one count of sexual assault.

Amidst the searches being conducted in Canada, the Metropolitan police in the UK have said they will continue the search for high-level suspects:

"I think up to this point, there has been no real success, but we still have a lot of information to work through," he said.

The 30-member interim government, which includes representatives of several Afghan factions, faces the task of rebuilding the war-torn nation where civilians are close to starvation.

Meanwhile, an inch-by-inch search of a cargo ship, by anti-terror officers was continuing off the coast of Wight today following a tip-off that the vessel was carrying "bomkaz material."

The Wight, intercepted yesterday morning in international waters, was later still moored half a mile off shore opposite the island of Wight, where she was brought late last night.

He claimed that he was forced to flee Nigeria when war broke out and said he was very "lucky" that he had managed to escape to Dublin penniless with only the clothes on his back. He claimed he had malaria and was "sick.

His voice shaking, he told the Sunday World: "I was looking for sympathy, and I thought I had found sympathy with those young men. I was stupid and upset from the place where I had been working for 20 years."

He regularly visited Pat's home where he was welcomed by their parents and slept in the same room as the two children, Pat said.

Sickening... every possible opportunity to annoy the parents' backs were turned, Carragher implied.

He forced them to indulge in sickening acts of oral sex telling that this was "sexual education." He told Pat and his brother: "This is what it feels like to be a man."

Carragher vehemently claimed that he had only abused them twice. Although he had access to childen whenever he lived during his clinical career.

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