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## **RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA THREATENS EMBASSY CLOSURE AFTER STAFF EXPULSION**

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Bulgarias Foreign Ministry said on June 30 that Russian ambassador Eleonora Mitrofanova has asked Bulgaria to withdraw its expulsion of 70 Russian diplomatic and technical staff or face the potential closure of the Russian embassy in Sofia.

The ministry statement said that Mitrofanovas verbal note in ultimatum terms requested the withdrawal, by 12pm on July 1, of the expulsion orders of the staff of Russian foreign representations declared persona non grata.

According to the ministrys statement, Mitrofanova said that if Bulgarian authorities did not do so, the question would be immediately raised with Russian leadership concerning the closure of the embassy of the Russian Federation in Bulgaria.

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