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## **BULGARIA EXPELS RUSSIAN CHURCH CLERICS FOR ESPIONAGE**

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*The abbot of the Russian Orthodox Church in Sofia and two clerics from Belarus accused of espionage have left Bulgaria after being designated a threat to national security.*

Bulgaria on Thursday expelled the abbot of the Russian Orthodox Church, Archimandrite Vasian, as well as two other clerics of the St. Nikolay Mirlikiskii Chudtovorets church in Sofia, known locally as the Russian Church.

The information was initially confirmed by the Russian embassy in Sofia, which condemned the expulsions.

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