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## **National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation evaluates tiling process at Kintsvisi church as illegal**



The National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia evaluates the ongoing tiling process of the floor, launched at the initiative of local church persons, at Kintsvisi Church as illegal.

The Agency says that the works, being carried out by ignoring the restoration methodologies, contradict to the principles of monuments' protection; harm national values and damage the cultural heritage.

The agency says that it had attempted to timely suspend the illegal works but the group of specialists was not admitted on the territory of the church. The works were also described as illegal by Georgia's Patriarchate.

The stone floor of the 1970s is being replaced by the marble tiles that harshly violates the traditional architecture of the interior as well as the icons of the 13th century preserved in the church.



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