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Russian Patriarch warns lawmakers over specter of low birth rate affecting country



The Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, His Holiness Kirill, spoke in the Russian Federal Duma this week, warning lawmakers against the specter of a low birth rate plaguing the vast country, as well as the crisis facing the family, as he said.

His Holiness referred to direct threats against the Russian people's future, saying "... You can develop technology, you can achieve whatever is proposed today through reason and cultural development, but if we are few, if we are materially and spiritually weak, then we cannot deal with challenges".