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Orthodox leaders to discuss ‘Ukrainian issue’ in Amman in late Feb



The leaders of the world’s Orthodox Churches are planning to descend on Amman at the end of February to discuss the situation surrounding the creation of the new church of Ukraine (OCU), the Russian Orthodox Church said.

“We hope such a meeting will take place this month, and His Holiness Patriarch Kirill is prepared to attend,” Russian Orthodox Church deputy head of Department for External Church Relations Archpriest Nikolay Balashov told *Interfax* on Wednesday.

The priest said such meetings of church leaders and representatives for a joint discussion of the current “complicated situation” in the Orthodox world were a very important affair.

“We hail any initiative in this direction and support the beginning of a serious dialogue, although we foresee that it does not promise to be easy, and that achieving visible results might require many efforts and more than one meeting,” he said.

The Amman meeting was proposed by Patriarch Theophilus of Jerusalem in Moscow on November 21 of last year.

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