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Cyprus: Police chief says those in Erimi church committed a serious offence



The chief of police Kypros Michaelides has said that all those who were caught inside at the Ayios Georgios Spileon church in Erimi in Limassol on Thursday have been booked for holding an illegal gathering.

“We booked them all, we are not here to close an eye for anyone,” Michaelides said on Friday.

“Our job is to ensure the public health, so everyone is the same in the eyes of the law, whether he is a community leader, a mayor or anyone else.”

Police said the standoff started on Thursday morning after police were notified of a service taking place at the church in the presence of the public. The spokesman said there were between 20 to 25 people involved.

Michaelides said the incident was quite serious and the matter will be brought to court.

According to reports, 14 people have already been questioned, including the church’s priest. The case will be then handed to the attorney general, who will take a decision on the matter.

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