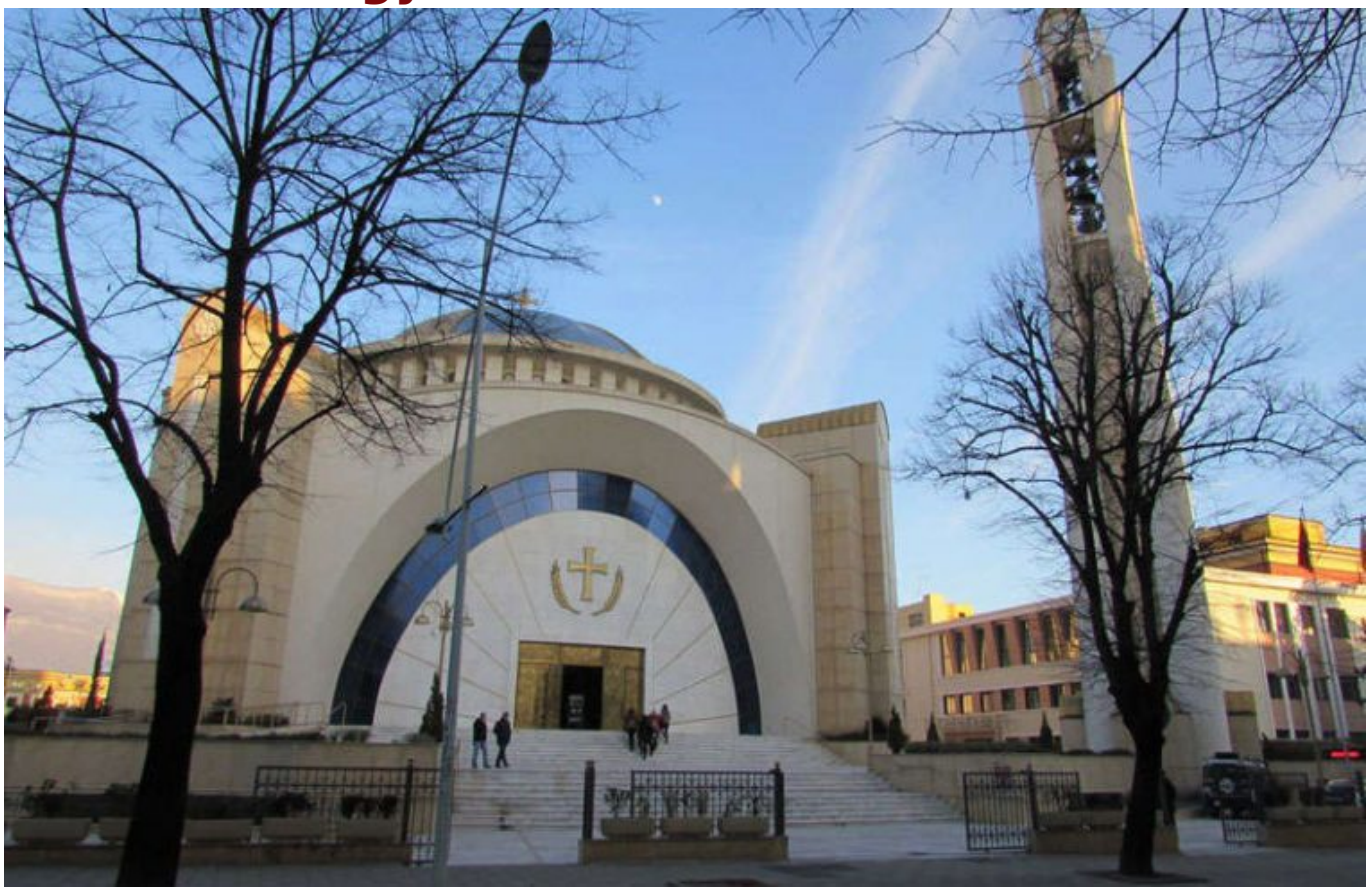
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Albania: Opening of churches – PM Rama online meeting with senior representatives of the Albanian clergy



The measures foreseen to open religious activities will be modest, but it will be up to the experts, after the second phase of the easing the COVID-19 restrictions will be completed, a process that will end on May 18, the Albania's Prime Minister Edi Rama said during an online conversation with the senior representatives of the Albanian clergy to discuss the opening of cult objects for believers which were closed after the preventive measures put in place in fight against Covid-19.

In his remarks, the premier Rama underlined that, there will be a gradual opening of cult objects followed by modest measures, but the ball is in experts community's court to give the green light.

"Grateful thanks to all the communities, for setting an invaluable example for the whole country in such a difficult situation. You have contributed to better understanding, by making a not-so-small sacrifice at the most important events of

your calendar, the major holidays typically celebrated by Christians each year, and the Holy Month of Ramadan, asking believers to stay at home and protect themselves and their families. Thank you for that, “the Prime Minister Rama said.

For their part, senior representatives of the Albanian clergy, appreciating the measures taken by the government and the results achieved so far in the fight against Covid-19, demanded the opening of religious facilities. According to them, they will comply with the safety protocol, respecting the physical distancing between common believers.

The Prime Minister, Edi Rama, invited the representatives of the communities to propose concrete ideas on how the opening of cult objects can be realized and the social distancing can be increased between believers.

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