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Peaceful protests resume in Montenegro against controversial law threatening Church's assets, relics



After nearly three months, peaceful prayer rallies and protests resumed over the weekend in Montenegro against a controversial law regarding religious institutions in the small Adriatic country.

Thousands of people took to the streets on Sunday, with the central slogan of the faithful being "...we won't give up our sacred relics."

The protests are part of standing opposition by the Orthodox Church in Montenegro to the contentious law, which obliges religious institutions to present deeds and titles for assets and relics held before roughly WWI. Otherwise, the Montenegro state has the right to confiscate the latter.

The Metropolitanate of Montenegro and Littoral, as well as the Serbian Orthodox Church, charge that the law is aimed directly at Orthodoxy, the predominate religious faith in the country.