

MONTENEGRIN NATIONALISTS ATTACK ORTHODOX SEMINARY



Though the vast majority of Montenegrin residents belong to the Serbian Orthodox Church, there is a small minority of nationalists and schismatics who continually attack the Church.

Most recently, a small group attacked St. Peter of Cetinje Seminary in Cetinje, according to an open letter from Archpriest Gojko Perović, the rector of seminary, to the Minister of Internal Affairs.

According to Fr. Gojko, at about 2:00 AM yesterday morning, a group of 10 people attacked the building of a boarding school that is part of the seminary. They threatened the students and hurled national and religious insults at them. They also physically attacked and damaged the doors and windows of the building, Fr. Gojko writes. They also started a fire in trash cans outside the seminary.

Before leaving, the vandals threatened to return to continue their attacks in the future, which is why Fr. Gojko decided to address the Minister.

The constant provocations and criticism of the Serbian Church from the state and media create unnecessary tension in Montenegrin society, Fr. Gojko writes, though

socio-political events shouldn't spill over into the education of young people. Hopefully the Minister of Internal Affairs will be able to prevent further attacks on the seminary, the rector writes.

Unfortunately, Montenegrin President Milo Đukanović is among the minority that hates the Serbian Orthodox Church, though his Party suffered political defeat in the elections last year for the first time in 30 years, due in part to its attempts to seize the sacred sites of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Last month, Đukanović made his latest threat to expel Orthodox priests from the country.

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