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## Thirty arrested in protests against church construction in Yekaterinburg



The Yekaterinburg Verkh-Isetsy District Court and Magistrate 2's justice of the peace processed on Thursday materials of nine persons, who had been arrested during unpermitted protests against building a St. Catherine church in the center of Yekaterinburg, court spokesperson Olga Taff told Interfax.

"The district court has processed seven materials, and the justice of the peace has processed the other two," Taff said.

Eight persons were detained on May 16 and sentenced to administrative arrests of five to 15 days.

The ninth detainee will spend five days in custody, according to the Yekaterinburg Verkh-Isetsy District Court. The man was found guilty of public drunkenness. The

court has not received new materials as of yet.

Twenty-one protesters were taken into custody on May 15. The total number of arrested protesters is 30.

Unpermitted protests against the construction of a St. Catherine church in the park on Oktyabrskaya Square in the center of Yekaterinburg started on May 13. Dozens have been detained, and 102 administrative protocols have been issued to 98 persons.

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