

Draft law envisions return of former theological seminary in Chisinau to Metropolis of Bessarabia



The government of Moldova is reportedly ready to hand over the building of the former theological seminary in the capital of Chisinau to the Romanian Orthodox Church-affiliated Metropolis of Bessarabia.

The final step is for a draft law, tabled by several deputies of the ruling party, to be ratified by Parliament.

The assets of the Metropolis of Bessarabia were wrongly confiscated and nationalized by the Soviet regime after World War II, when Moldova became part of the now defunct USSR.

The draft law has also been signed by the Moldovan parliament's speaker, Igor Grosu, who last month was received in Bucharest by the Patriarch of All Romania, His Beatitude Daniel.

In a statement on Facebook, the leader of the ruling Social Democratic Party in Romania, Marcel Ciolacu, said that after 30 years of discrimination and injustice, justice is finally being done for the Metropolis of Bessarabia.