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# Russian societal tensions are mirrored in Putin's Orthodox church



Dr James M Dorsey is an award-winning journalist and a scholar, and a senior fellow at the National University of Singapore's Middle East Institute. of the pro-Kyiv wing of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in areas of Ukraine that Russia controls, including Crimea and the breakaway republics of Donetsk and

More problematic is the harassment and intimidation of the rapidly growing Evangelist community. If widely known

is on track to account for one-third of Russia's population by 2050.

"There won't be any Russians left in 2050," warned Dmitry Smirnov, chairman of the church's Patriarchal Commission on Family, Maternity and Childhood Protection. Asked by Govorit Moskva radio what the church could do to reverse

Last week, 150 Russian Orthodox clerics called for an end to the war in an open letter.

"The church is closely tied to the current government. There is mounting hostility (towards) its ruling class because of its ostentatious consumption, luxury, power, and repression. People feel that the church has become obsessed with earthly goods. This is risky because sooner or later, power will change hands," said a Russian political scientist in an email exchange.

Risky as it may be, many in the Balkans fear that the church could help make Bosnia and Herzegovina one of Putin's next targets, should he subdue and maintain control of Ukraine.

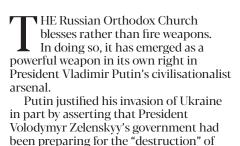
"Russia sees the Balkans as Nato's soft underbelly where they can foment chaos and create a mess," said Bosnian journalist and scholar Harun Karcic.

Noting that church support was a prerequisite for electoral success in countries like Serbia, Greece, Montenegro, and Macedonia, Karcic asserted that "whatever happens in Ukraine will not stop in Ukraine. Bosnia will likely be one of the next countries of interest."

The journalist-scholar described Milorad Dodik, the Serb member of the tripartite Bosnian presidency, as "a major Russian player who is a great supporter of the Russian Orthodox Church... Here we have a full Russian proxy who is a very public fan of the Russian Orthodox Church, who effectively controls half of

Last year, Dodik put Bosnia on tenterhooks, pulling Republika Srpska, the Serb constituent element of the country, out of key government institutions, including the military, the judiciary, and the tax administration. The move threatens to destabilise Bosnia, almost three decades after it was founded on the ashes of a bitter ethnic and sectarian war.

Dodik is in good company. Serbia itself has emerged as a potential monkey wrench in the Balkans by breaking with Europe and refusing to close its airspace to Russian flights. Moreover, Air Serbia has doubled to 15 from seven the number of weekly flights it operates from Belgrade



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the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The Russian president was referring to that part of the church that remained loyal to the Moscow Patriarch after the Ukrainian church in 2018 declared itself independent. Unwittingly, Putin may have been acknowledging that all may not be well in the church—at least not from his

perspective. Choosing his words carefully, Metropolitan Onufriy, the head of the pro-Moscow wing of the church, called for an end to the fighting.

"Forget mutual quarrels and misunderstandings and ... unite with love for God and our Motherland," Onufriy

The metropolitan's call contrasted starkly with maximalist remarks by the Moscow church's patriarch, Archbishop Kirill, a staunch supporter of Putin. "When I say 'Russian,' I use the ancient expression from 'A Tale of Bygone Years: Where from has the Russian land come, the land which now includes Russia and Ukraine and Belarus and other tribes and peoples," the patriarch said.

In his war, Putin's notion of religious fault lines amounts to drawing a landscape in which much of the terrain is covered and out of sight.

Putin would have less of a problem with the repression, becoming known in powerful Evangelist communities in the United States, it could undermine empathy for Putin as a conservative defender of family and traditional values.

"Moscow sees religion as a key front in the battle to control both Crimea and Donbas and to project influence into the rest of Ukraine," said John E Herbst, a former US ambassador to Ukraine.

Similarly, largely unnoticed in the discussion about Ukraine are demographic concerns among Russian nationalists and the Orthodox church. Demographers predict that, with birth rates declining among ethnic Russians and increasing among Muslims, Islam



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That may have been an exaggeration by the church's elite, who enjoy many of the perks of being in Putin's circle, including feeding off the gravy train of hundreds of millions of dollars in state funds that have been designated for the restoration and maintenance of church properties and

the trend, Smirnov replied, "It's too late."

However, opposition to the church's course has been building among its rank and file, many of whom do not enjoy the leadership's perks. Lower-ranking priests have criticised prescribed sermons that warn against the perils of democracy, glorify Putin for restoring Russian pride, project Russian intervention in Syria as a mission to save Christians, and support Russian occupation of Ukrainian and Georgian lands.

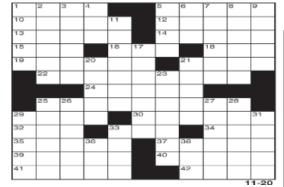
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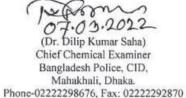


### **Invitation for Tender**

02	Agency	Bangladesh Police, CID, Dhaka.					
03	Procuring entity name	Chief Chemical Examiner, Bangladesh Police, CID, Mohakhali, Dhaka.					
04	Procuring entity District	Dhaka.					
05	Invitation for	Chemicals (LC-MSMS, HPLC & AR Grade), Narcotics Analysis Ready kits, Chemical Related Gas & Gas Cylinder, Chemical Related Glass Apparatus & Chemical Related Analysis Device and     Stationary Goods (Consumables, Monihari goods & Health Provision contents) items.					
06 Invitation Ref. No		Memo No- CE/01/2021-22/211(3) Dated 07/03/2022.					
KEY	INFORMATION						
07 Procurement Method		OTM with Frame Work Tenders will be selected in accordance with the procedures set in the guidelines of public Procurement Regulation Rules – 2008 of the Govt, of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.					
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11	Tender Publication date	Before 09/03/2022					
12	Tender Last Selling date	23/03/2022					
13	Tender Closing date & time						
14	Tender Opening date & time 24/03/2022 time 12.30 hrs.						
15	Name & Address of the office						
16	Place/date/time of Pre-tender Meeting	Chief Chemical Examiner's Room, Office of the Chief Chemical Examiner, Bangladesh Police, CID, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	21/03/2022	11.00 am			
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18	Brief Description of Chemicals	Mentioned in Tender document.			
19	Brief Description of related services	As per Tender document.			
20	Price of Tender Documents	A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested bidders on submission written application upon payment of non-refundable fee of taka 2000/-(Only Two Thousand) in cash for Chemical & Chemical Related items, on the other hands payment of non-refundable fee of taka 1000/ (Only One Thousand) in cash for Stationary items at Office of the Chief Chemical Examiner, Bangladesh Police, CID, Mohakhali, Dhaka.			
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22	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Dilip Kumar Saha	
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Chemical Examiner	
24	Address of official inviting tender	Chief Chemical Examiner's Office, Bangladesh Police CID, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	
25	Contact details of official inviting tender Phone-222298676, Fax-222292870		
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		
25 26 27.	An application should be submitted to our office during purchasing the schedule.		



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