



In Kiev, Protests Bring Orthodox Priests To Pray On The Frontline Despite Government Warnings

Two months into an uprising that has [claimed at least two lives](#) and brought thousands to the streets, Ukraine's political crisis still seems far from any resolution. President Yanukovich has refused to declare a [state of emergency](#), though by all accounts the [protests are escalating](#).

Amidst burned buses, tear gas and barricades, however, there is another sight that stands out on the frontline: The [strong numbers of Orthodox priests](#) who have turned out, not to protest, but rather to pray.

Earlier this month, Ukraine's government [threatened to ban prayer services](#) at the protests, but even that didn't keep the priests from showing up with their robes and crosses and holy books.

As one priest said about the [proposed ban](#), "It is illegal. It is immoral. Nobody can forbid people to pray."

Here are some amazing photos of these brave priests on the frontline:



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