

Orthodox Church, Metro: Real Estate in Brief

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Cambodia to Get Russian Orthodox Church

Sihanoukville, a coastal region of Cambodia, is set to get a 21-meter-tall Russian Orthodox church.

The church's local committee in Cambodia signed a \$300,000 contract with a construction company to erect the temple, a statement on the church's website said. Construction will take 60 weeks.

The church, one of three Orthodox temples planned in Cambodia, will be dedicated to Saint Pantaleon, who was martyred in Nicomedia, a Roman administrative center in modern-day Turkey, during the persecution of Christians by emperor Diocletian at the start of the 4th century AD. Pantaleon, the son of a pagan, is said to have healed a blind man by invoking the name of Jesus.

Orthodox Christianity has about 200 million followers worldwide, mostly concentrated in Russia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

The church said it was building the temple after receiving requests from Orthodox believers in Cambodia. *(MT)*

Baumanskaya Metro to Close for Restoration on Jan 1

Baumanskaya metro station will close from Jan.1 for an 11-month restoration, news website M24 reported, citing the metro's chief, Dmitry Pegov.

Baumanskaya, on the Dark Blue Line of the metro, opened during World War II, in January 1944, and the escalators have not been replaced in more than 70 years.

"We are closing the station to conduct a full reconstruction of the station, the vestibule and the escalators," Pegov said, adding that the number of escalators will be increased. *(MT)*

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