

EU Sanctions Force Major Russian Crematorium's Closure

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Crematorium in Voronezh. **Oleg Kharseev / Kommersant**

The only crematorium in central Russia's breadbasket region has been forced to shut down due to EU sanctions levied over the invasion of Ukraine, local media [reported](#) Tuesday.

The crematorium in the city of Voronezh south of Moscow cannot replace its broken Czech-made cremation oven due to EU restrictions on the export of high-tech goods and technology to Russia, [according](#) to the 7x7 news website.

Russian specialists and representatives of the Czech cremation equipment provider, Tabo-CS, are now working to repair the oven but do not know how long it will take, according to the Voronezh-based news website De Facto.

The [award-winning](#) crematorium was said to be the only such facility in the hyper-fertile Chernozem, or "Black Earth," region, which encompasses six west-central regions close to the Ukrainian border.

Tabo CS' website [lists](#) dozens of other Russian cities, including St. Petersburg and Novosibirsk, where its cremation equipment has been installed since the late 1990s.

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