

On the Murder of Father Daniil Sysoev

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Only a few days after a religious extremist shot 13 people on an American Army base, another extremist shot and killed a priest at his church in Moscow. This was not the first priest who has been killed in Russia in recent years. In fact, in the last two decades, at least 26 Russian clergy have been killed and many others wounded in failed murder attempts. Of course, not all of these murders were motivated by religious beliefs; some were committed by criminals who did not believe in much of anything at all. Yet, many murderers claimed to have been acting in the name of Satan, Krishna, or Allah. The latest victim in a string of murders motivated by religion appears to have become Priest Daniil Sysoev, the rector of the Apostle Thomas church in Moscow.

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