

Moscow authorities discuss plans to build 200 Orthodox churches

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MOSCOW, August 30 (Itar-Tass) – A total of **200 Orthodox churches** are expected to be built in Moscow's residential areas.

Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov took a decision to this effect on Monday.

The patriarch thanked the Moscow authorities for meeting the interests of Orthodox believers. He said, "According to our data, in Mordovia there is one church per 3,000 people while in Moscow there is one church per 37,700 people, almost per 40,000 people."

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