

On the 5th of October it was **reported** that armed men in camouflage uniforms had blocked the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Transfiguration Cathedral (on the ramparts) and Yeletsky Convent in Chernigov. Subsequently, representatives of the Ministry of Culture closed those churches under the pretext of the need for restoration.

The secretary of the Chernigov diocese said in a **comment** for the UOJ that the authorities had offered the Ukrainian Orthodox Church to sign new contracts for the use of the Eletsy convent. However, according to him, the new terms stipulated a very high rental price, which the diocese was unable to pay.

There are more than 40 sisters living at the Eletsy convent, some of whom are bedridden and two-thirds of whom are over 80 years old.

Source: <https://mospat.ru/en/news/90930/>