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Unidentified persons have damaged or desecrated more than 10 Orthodox churches
and monasteries over the past two years in Albania, dpa reported. The Albanian
Helsinki Committee issued a report on 26 August saying that some buildings have
been blown up by explosives, burned down, or subjected to theft and desecration. It
added that "these acts of vandalism are a dangerous attack against the old, civilized
tradition of religious tolerance in Albania." The statement warned that the attacks
could undermine harmony between Muslim, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Albanians.