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# Administrative court in Turkey blocks effort to reconvert iconic Orthodox cathedral, now a museum, into mosque



**A rebuilding program aimed to reconvert the iconic Hagia Sophia Orthodox Cathedral, in the Black Sea city of Trabzon, from a museum, its current state, into a Muslim mosque, has been blocked by a first instance administrative court in eastern Turkey.**

An announcement issued by a local chamber of commerce called for the Cathedral to remain as a museum, so visitors could view the rare religious frescoes on the cathedral’s walls and other treasures of Orthodox ecclesiastical art.