Regional governor: 'We have a debt to protect Mount Athos'



Central Macedonia regional governor Apostolos Tzitzikostas headed a meeting on Monday convened to gauge progress in restoring weather-related damages on the semi-autonomous monastic community of Mount Athos.

The damages were the result of particularly heavy thunderstorms on the northern Greece peninsula last month.

Tzitzikostas noted that "...we have a debt to protect Mount Athos".

In reply, the Civil Governor of Mount Athos, Athanasios Martinos, said the area is facing increased instances of weather-related damage, which he attributed to climate change. He added that civil protection measures must be taken and restoration works accelerated.