

Outrageous quip by Turkey's head of religious affairs: Hagia Sophia a symbol of 'Turkish heritage'



The now infamous head of Turkey's Directorate of Religious Affairs, Ali Erbas, called the iconic Hagia Sophia, the greatest of all basilicas of eastern Christendom, a symbol of "...Turkish heritage".

Erbas, one of the closest associates to Islamist Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, made the outrageous statement at a press conference ahead of an annual assembly of mosques and Muslim clerics in Turkey, which is held in the first week of October.