

## **Proposed US Sec't of State nominee's previous statements on Turkish provocations on Cyprus, Hagia Sophia**



**US President-elect Joe Biden has announced that he will nominate former Deputy Secretary of State and Deputy National Security Advisor Antony Blinken as the next US Secretary of State.**

The 58-year-old career diplomat, just a month ago, when asked about Turkish provocations on the divided island of Cyprus, stated on his Twitter account that "...We regret calls by Turkish President Erdogan and Turkish Cypriot leader Tatar for a two-state solution in Cyprus. Joe Biden has long expressed support for a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation that ensures peace and prosperity for all Cypriots."

Earlier, last July, when asked about Joe Biden's position regarding the shocking decision by the Erdogan regime to convert Hagia Sophia into a mosque, Blinken said, "...Joe Biden has long been committed to the preservation of cultural and

religious sites. The Hagia Sophia is a world heritage site and shared sacred space for people of many faiths, which is why it's so important to ensure continued access for all visitors."