

Reopening of 19 Ottoman-era mosques around Greece?



The Turkish government is reportedly pressuring Athens to allow the reopening of 19 Ottoman-era mosques around Greece for use as Muslim places of worship. The specific report was carried by Turkish mass media.

More radical positions held by the Erdogan government in the neighboring country are often not expressed publicly, but rather, appear in the form of news reports by pro-government media in Turkey.

As such, a number of Turkish media recently cited an initiative by Ankara to restore Ottoman-era mosques in Greece as Muslim places of worship. The focus, the same reports claim, is a mosque located in the center of Thessaloniki, which briefly opened for a recent Muslim religious holiday.