

UNESCO criticism



Greek media on Wednesday cited UNESCO sources as saying that changing the Hagia Sophia's World Heritage Site status would require approval by the Paris-based organization. In statements to the Orthodoxy news agency, an UNESCO source reminded that Turkey is a member of the international organization, and, as such, must implement its decisions. In a particularly biting dispatch from Turkey, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* this week noted that "Erdogan ruling party has, up until now, promised its supporters earthly goods, whereas it now offering places in heaven, in exchange for votes in municipal elections".