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## **Shocking images of vandalism of Hagia Sophia's Imperial Gate**



**Images emerged on Tuesday showing the serious vandalism inflicted on the historic Imperial Gate of Hagia Sophia, the greatest of all Basilicas of eastern Christendom.**

**The latest desecration comes nearly two years after the Erdogan regime in Turkey insolently reconverted the Hagia Sophia into a Muslim mosque.**

Greece's foreign ministry issued a terse statement on Tuesday afternoon, saying it was "...appalled and saddened by the images of the vandalism against the Imperial Gate of the Hagia Sophia - a World Heritage Site."

The statement added that "...We call on the competent authorities to do their due diligence in order for those responsible to be brought to justice and the damage to the Monument to be immediately repaired."