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Remembrance of eastern Thrace Hellenism's genocide in early 20th century



Today April 6, commemorates the so-called “Black Easter” of 1914, which marked the beginning of the systematic extermination of ethnic Greeks and their expulsion from eastern Thrace by Ottoman authorities.

At the beginning of the 20th century, ethnic Greeks in eastern Thrace totaled more than 250,000 people. However, when the Ottoman Turks unleashed their genocide, many ethnic Greeks were exiled to Greece proper and 100,000 transferred to Anatolia.

The date was chosen at a global conference of Thracian Greeks held in the city of Didimotycho, in the Evros prefecture, in June 2006.