
THE MEDITERRANEAN DEADLOCK BETWEEN TÜRKİYE AND GREECE

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Greece's militarization of Dodecanese and not abiding by international maritime laws challenges Türkiye's call for peaceful dialogue

The Aegean Sea, glistening under the mutual embrace of Türkiye and Greece, has long been both a frontier and a bridge between civilizations. Its waters, having borne merchants, poets and warriors alike, are now facing yet another test that does not arise from the elements but from decisions that threaten to cloud its shared horizon with discord.

For decades, Greece and Türkiye have navigated a relationship fraught with disputes over sovereignty, airspace and maritime entitlements in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean. Greeces self-interpretation of the law and desire to extend its territorial waters under international conventions is naturally viewed by Türkiye as a direct threat to its interests. Allegations of airspace violations only heighten tensions, with Greece accusing Türkiye of incursions, while Türkiye asserts that the boundaries remain unresolved as a persistent objector.

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