
GREECE SCHOOL CLOSURES 'A BLOW TO TURKISH IDENTITY AND CULTURE' IN WESTERN THRACE

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Greece's Education Ministry has ordered the closure of three Turkish minority primary schools in Western Thrace, citing low student enrollment, a move that minority rights advocates say violates the Treaty of Lausanne and represents systematic discrimination against the region's Turkish population.

The closures affect primary schools in the villages of Kardere and Mehrikos in Rodop, and Hasanlar in Evros.

The decision has drawn sharp criticism from Türkiye's ethnic minority community in Greece, who view it as part of broader assimilation policies.

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