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U.S. NATO Chief blames Turkey for “ethnic cleansing” of Greeks, including own family

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U.S. Navy Admiral James Stavridis, the senior American officer in both the U.S. European Command and NATO, blames Turkey for violence against its Greek minority, including his own family, almost 90 years ago.

In a first-person book he published last year, before he took over as NATO’s Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), Stavridis termed Turkey’s moves “ethnic cleansing” and a “pogrom,” whose victims included his grandparents, expelled from their hometown of Izmir, and his father’s uncle, who was killed by violent anti-Greek Turks.

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