

Turkey's Indigenous Christian Peoples Hopeful Following Referendum

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According to Andrea Rombopulos, editor-in-chief of the İstanbul-based Greek daily İho, Turkish-Greek youth said "Yes, but not enough," echoing the views of many youth in Turkey.

Non-Muslim minorities expect more democratization following referendum

Since the electorate in Turkey voted for more reforms in the Sept. 12 referendum for a constitutional amendment package, expectations have been raised for a more democratic country where a small but politically influential non-Muslim minority community is present.

Like many civil society groups, non-Muslim minorities have expressed the view that while the constitutional changes on the ballot fall short of fully democratizing Turkey, they are still a considerable step in the right direction. "I was expecting the result," said Zeki Basatemir, a member of the board of directors of the Syriac Catholic Church Foundation in Turkey.

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