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Turkey’s nationalist party holds Friday prayers



Hundreds of Turkish nationalists held Friday prayers at the ruins of an ancient Armenian cathedral, a move widely seen as a response to a landmark service held by Armenians last month in the same region.

Devlet Bahceli, the leader of the Nationalist Movement Party, or MHP, which organized the event in the eastern province of Kars, prayed in the front row of a crowd assembled inside the decaying 11th-century cathedral at Ani. The uninhabited archaeological site at the Armenian border was once the capital of a medieval Armenian kingdom.

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