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Shariah abolished for Greek Muslims

Greek Reporter (21.08.2011) / HRWF Int. (22.08.2011) - <http://www.hrwf.net> - According to an article of the Greek newspaper "Eleftherotypia", under the scope of reforms in the Greek Family Law, the Shariah will be abolished for Greek Muslims.

This Muslim law establishes among others the right of polygamy and gives only to men the right to divorce their wives which constitutes a problem for the women in Thraki, Northern Greece. Even in Turkey, this law was abolished in 1926.

In addition, this law does not comply with the Greek constitution which establishes the equality of Greeks regarding the application of the laws and the equality of men and women. The National Committee on the Human Rights considers that the Shariah does not protect minorities but abuses the rights and values of all the Greek Muslims.

It is also announced that the family and hereditary relations of all Greek citizens will be regulated by Greek Laws. Thus, the Mufti will only be religious leader of Greek Muslims and will no longer have judicial authorities.

A flat in Athens used as Muslim place of worship was set on fire

Federation of Western Thrace Turks (10.05.2011) / HRWF Int. (11.05.2011) - <http://www.hrwf.net> - On May 8, 2011 on early Sunday, arsonists set fire to a flat in the Kallithea district of Athens which is used as a Muslim place of worship. According to the news portal *Dünya Bülteni*, at 03:17 unknown persons broke the windows of the ground-floor flat with the number 196 in the Sofokleous Street and set fire to the flat. The perpetrators painted a Nazi swastika on the flat's windows. The attack caused material damage, but there were no injuries.

Related to the subject matter, Halit Habipoğlu, President of the Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF) made the following statement: "Through media we've got the know of the attack on the flat in Athens which is used as for religious practices by the Muslims living in Athens. We strongly condemn this attack. The Muslims living in Athens do not have a mosque where they freely perform their religion. The concerning attack on a flat used as a Muslim place of worship has brought not only the problems related to the freedom of religion and worship but also the security problem in Greece on the agenda, where it has been lasting already a brittle structure. The Greek Government and authorities have to consider the potential threats brought along by the growing intolerant environment in the country".
