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## **GREECE: Astronomical fine for mosque in Turkish village**

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ABTTF (03.08.2021) – <https://bit.ly/3kyySIM> – ABTTF President: 'It is absolutely impossible to say that the astronomical fine imposed on the village trustees for allegedly converting the old school building into a mosque in the Turkish village of ten households Mikra Tímbanon (Küçük Davutlu) is proportionate. We hope that the authorities will respond positively to the appeal of the village trustees appeal and cancel the astronomical fine that has been issued'.

A fine of about €104,000 has been issued to the mosque in the Turkish village of Mikra Tímbanon (Küçük Davutlu) in the Western Thrace region of Greece.

According to the report from Gündem newspaper, the trustees of the village were fined about €104,000 for allegedly converting the old school building on the same estate as the mosque into a mosque and building minarets and an unauthorised pergola for the mosque.

Ahmet Kara, the lawyer of the Mikra Tímbanon (Küçük Davutlu) board of trustees, one of the least populated Turkish villages in the province of Xanthi, told Gündem that there is absolutely no question of converting the school building into a mosque, adding that the appeal will be submitted to the relevant authority following the completion of the work required with the engineer.

Halit Habip Ođlu, President of the Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF) made the following statement: 'It is absolutely impossible to say that the astronomical fine imposed on the village trustees for allegedly converting the old school building into a mosque in the village of ten households Mikra Tímbanon (Küçük Davutlu) where Western Thrace Turks live is proportionate. There's no way the board of trustees can pay such a fine. Furthermore, as the lawyer of the board of trustees has stated, the allegation is untrue. Indeed, despite the claim that the purpose for the two-storey school was altered and converted into a mosque, there is no proof made in this respect by entering the building. That's why there's a malicious intention here! We hope that the authorities will respond positively to the appeal of the village trustees and cancel the astronomical fine that has been issued'.

*Photo : « The villagers were fined a high amount on the*

*grounds that the mosque in the Küçükdavutlu village of Xanthi was expanded by illegal construction on its land ».*  
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