

# HAGIA SOPHIA: Hundreds of children shout “Allahu Akbar”

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Video footage from the interior of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, where hundreds of children shout the Islamist slogan “Allahu Akbar” causes great dissatisfaction.

They are members of the TÜGVA (Turkish Youth Foundation), in which the Turkish president’s son, Bilal Erdogan, is said to hold a leading position. The foundation had organized a “Summer School Meeting of Hagia Sophia” in Hagia Sophia.

As shown in the provocative video that goes around the internet, someone tells the children the phrase “tekbir” and they all shout “Allahu Akbar” (Allah is great). *They all look like boys to me, unless there are some girls right at the back.*

The President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, wrote the foreword to one of the two books, (issued recently to celebrate the anniversary of the conversion of Hagia Sophia into a mosque) recalling that a presidential decree on July 10, 2020 ensured the reopening of Hagia Sophia as a mosque.

“Glory be to Allah, who gave us the opportunity to restore the symbol of the Fall [of Constantinople], the will and trust of the Conqueror, Hagia Sophia, to its original state 86 years later,” Erdoğan said in a message on Twitter. “May the resurrection of Hagia Sophia be once again beneficial. In the framework of international law,”