
GREECE ALARMED AS TÜRKİYE DEPLOYS RESEARCH VESSEL IN THE AEGEAN

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Greece and Türkiye are once again at odds in the Aegean after Ankara issued a NAVTEX announcing that its oceanographic vessel Piri Reis will conduct scientific surveys over the next ten days. The notice, broadcast as NAVTEX 0863/25 by Türkiye's Izmir station, outlines a research route stretching west of Lesbos, south of Chios, and toward the islet of Kalogeros [REDACTED] between Chios and Andros.

A NAVTEX (NAVigational TELeX) is an international automated system for broadcasting urgent maritime safety information to ships.

Although the Piri Reis is technically capable of carrying out such research, the move immediately raises questions of jurisdiction. Parts of the vessels declared route pass through Greek territorial waters and over Greeces continental shelf—areas where Türkiye lacks authority to issue NAVTEX.

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