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POLITICS AND IDENTITY: ROMANIA, TURKEY AND THE GAGAOUZSIN THE 1930S

(Summary)

Blagovest Nyagulov gives out an article, entitled "Politics and identity: Romania, Turkey and the Gagaouzs in the 1930s." He looks at the history of the Gagaouzs in the interwar period, when they are at the boundaries of so called Great Romania. He notes the Turkish propaganda against the Gagaouzs and the attitude of the Turkish state towards it as an element of the system of forming the identity of the Gagaouz population in a polyethnic society as in Bessarabia. He points out various factors that help the national differentiation of the Gagaouz society, in order to reach to the establishment of a Gagaouz territorial autonomy in the Republic of Moldova in 1990-1994.