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Archival exhibition and short film

“Persecution: Old and new stories on violence and tolerance”

24th & 25th September 2016

The General State Archives of Greece, in cooperation with the *Digital Museum of Nea Smyrni* participate in the 2016 *European Heritage Days* organized by the Ministry of Culture.

This year's general theme is: **Persecution: Old and new stories on violence and tolerance**. The related events, organized by the G.S.A., will take place in the premises of the Central Service (G.S.A.), during the weekend of September 24th & 25th 2016.

The documents chosen from the sizeable archival collection of the General State Archives (Central & Regional Services) are displayed in the Lecture Hall of the Central Service. This archival material along with the projection of the film *Refugees from Smyrna* are intended to give prominence to tolerance being a merit of a democratic society; only to reduce acts of violence opposing it to the other extreme. The film is a production of the *Digital Museum of Nea Smyrni* based on relevant archival material.

At a time when migration has grown out of proportion both nationally and internationally, awareness on matters of the Contemporary Greek History is of the essence; whether it be viewed as a fundamental humanitarian or political requirement.

Documents on display were obtained from the archival collections of the following Archival Services of the G.S.A.:

- G.S.A. Central Service
- G.S.A. Historical Archive of Macedonia
- G.S.A. Regional Archival Service of Euboea
- G.S.A. Regional Archival Service of Lesbos
- G.S.A. Regional Archival Service of Magnisia
- G.S.A. Regional Archival Service of Rodopi
- G.S.A. Regional Archival Service of Chios

Opening hours: 11:00 – 17:00

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