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# Kaos GL Newsletter

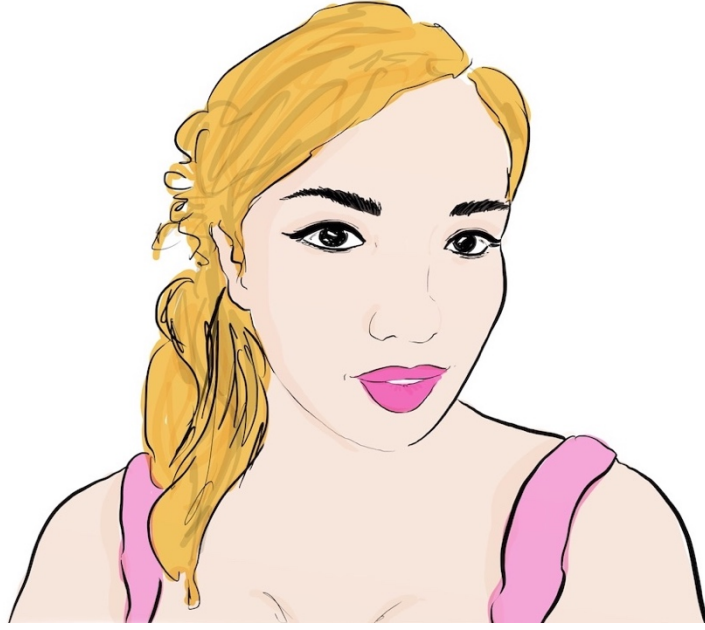
## **Allegation: Arrested ISIL members were to attack an LGBTI+ association**

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CNN Turk wrote that 4 ISIL members, who were detained in a police operation in Ankara last week, were preparing to attack an LGBTI+ association. According to the report that says "They were preparing for an attack in Istanbul, they got caught in Ankara. ISIL members were detained while preparing for an attack.", 4 ISIL members were detained in the joint operation of Ankara Anti-Terror and Intelligence teams last week.

Media outlets previously claimed that ISIL members who were arrested in another operation in September were preparing to attack "LGBT associations in Taksim"

To read the full news, please [follow the link](#).



## Justice for Hande Buse Şeker

Police officer Volkan Hicret, who robbed, sexually assaulted, and murdered Hande Buse Seker, a trans women sex worker, and injured her friend with his police gun while he was off duty on January 9, 2019 in Şeker's house in İzmir, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Hicret was sentenced to life in prison for deliberate murder, 21 years for qualified sexual assault, 3 times 5 years and 6 months for qualified looting, 2 times 9 months for wounding, and 2 years for insulting the memory of the person. To read the detailed news, please [follow the link](#).

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## Police arbitrarily detained 18 trans women, citing “corona measures”!

Police arbitrarily [detained 18 trans women](#) living in İstanbul Beyoğlu Bayram Street from their homes at night. Trans women were taken from their homes and taken to the Taksim Police Station with the allegation of "mediating and providing place for prostitution".

Police cited the "corona measures" as justification while detaining the women. There was no information regarding the corona measures in the crime scene report. The report stated "the street has been monitored for weeks and there are complaints" according to the witnesses. Detained women were released in the morning after their statements were filed.

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## Intersex Awareness and Solidarity Campaign

Intersex Turkey and Kaos GL carried out a social media campaign from 26th October, Intersex Awareness Day, to 8th November, Intersex Solidarity Day. During the campaign, illustrator Bengisu's informative works on the situation and problems of intersex people were published on KaosGl.org and social media.



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## Kaos GL's November 20, Transgender Day of Remembrance Campaign

Kaos GL Association launched a social media campaign for Transgender Remembrance Day in order to attract attention to the rights of trans people, discrimination and hate crimes that they are exposed to, and celebrate the struggle of trans movement. During the campaign, illustrator Bora Güçlümen drew different pieces reflecting the lives of [trans women](#), [trans men](#) and [non binary](#) people.



## November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women Campaign

Kaos GL carried out a social media campaign on November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in order to attract attention on the rights of lesbian, bisexual, queer and trans women. During the campaign, illustrator Gökçe Yavaş Ünal drew to raise awareness on the misogyny, discrimination, violence, harrassments that LGBTQ women are exposed to.

## How did the Pandemic Affect LGBTI+ Associations in Ankara?

Organizations from Ankara; May 17 Association, Rainbow Families Association (GALADER), Kaos GL, Red Umbrella, Pink Life and ÜniKuir, came together on October 29, 2020 with the call of Kaos GL Association and discussed the effects of the pandemic on their organizational activities. The meeting, where the impact of the rising hostility towards LGBTI+'s in the public space has been discussed, also revealed the concrete situation of the LGBTI+ struggle in Ankara.

[Click here for the report.](#)



## LGBTIQ+ Agenda of Kaos GL by October 2020

### Recently published reports of the LGBTIQ+s in Pandemic Seminar Series

Kaos GL Association has been organizing online seminar/ workshop series on the general situation of LGBTIQ+s and LGBTIQ+ organizations in pandemic since October 2020. You may find the content of the events and the reports of each event in English as follows:

- [The Exit from the Normalized State of Emergency is Possible with Solidarity!](#)
- [How did the Pandemic Affect LGBTIQ+ Associations in Ankara?](#)
- [Çankaya's 'Resentful' Residents: A Voyage to the World of LGBTIQ+'s of Çankaya](#)
- [Mechanisms to Protect LGBTIQ+'s Against Violence Must Be Developed!](#)
- [Towards December 1st: End to Discrimination and Stigmatization!](#)

### UniKuir starts to give consultancy services!

Queer Researches and LGBTIQ+ Solidarity Association (UniKuir) has just started to give legal consultancy via email in the following fields: Fundamental rights, transition process, discrimination and violence, hate crimes, compulsory military service.  
Contact details: [hukuk@unikuir.org](mailto:hukuk@unikuir.org)

### Sex Workers in Pandemic Documentary is Out!

Red Umbrella Association shot a documentary on the situation of sex workers in pandemic. To attract attention to the discrimination, stigmatization and criminalization of sex workers, the documentary raises voice of sex workers in their perspective.

The documentary can be reached [from the link](#).

### “The Report on the Human Rights of LGBTIQ+ Persons Living With HIV” is out!

Kaos GL and 17 May Association, published “The Report on the Human Rights of LGBTIQ+ Persons Living With HIV”. The report prepared by Defne Güzel, with the addition of legal analysis by Attorney Kerem Dikmen, consists of in-depth interviews with LGBTIQ+ persons living with HIV. The report was translated into English by Özge Gökpınar.

The report is the first report in Turkey that makes human rights violations targeting LGBTIQ+ persons living with HIV a current issue. You can reach the details [here](#).

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