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# Kaos GL Newsletter



## Slander, investigations, and hate campaigns against LGBTI+s at Boğaziçi University

The process that started by the Boğaziçi Islamic Studies Club (BİSAK) with a smear campaign over a collage from an exhibition, turned into an intense hate campaign with increasing hate speech and slanders against LGBTI+s.

Two students were detained while leaving school on the evening of January 29. It was reported that the number of those detained increased to 5 later. According to the [report of Boğaziçi Solidarity](#), one of the 5 detained students was released. Two of them were arrested after their testimonies.

On the other hand, [Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu](#) said, "4 LGBT perverts were detained!" and committed hate speech against LGBTI+s.

Following the Minister of Interior, the Governorate of İstanbul made a statement, said that 5 people were detained and they are still searching for 2 other people.

For details, [please follow the link](#).

## Pride March in Boğaziçi University: Nakka\* to the trustee rector!

Protests continue against the appointment of Melih Bulu, an AKP candidate for parliament in 2015, as the Rector of Boğaziçi University. Students [organized a Pride march](#) with rainbow, trans, non-binary, asexual, bisexual and intersex flags. The slogans; "We do not want a Homophobic, biphobic, transphobic Rector", "The world would tremble if trans people were to be free", "Don't be silent, shout, trans people exist", "Don't be silent, shout, intersex exist", "Melih run, run, the fagots are coming", "We are transvestites, get used to it because we are not leaving" were chanted often during the march.




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## Permission to investigate Istanbul and Ankara Bar Associations

After Religious Affairs' homophobic Friday khutbah, Ankara and Istanbul Bar Associations among the institutions condemning discrimination. The Ministry of Justice gave permission for the investigation of the two bar associations advocating human rights against discrimination. Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office started an investigation following the criminal complaint of the Religious Affairs Administration against the members of the Ankara Bar Association. Within the scope of the investigation, 11 executives of the Ankara Bar Association were requested of their written defenses. The administration of the bar association sent the joint defense to the prosecutor's office. The prosecutor's office sent the case to the Ministry of Justice for investigation permit after the written statements were submitted. After the investigation, the Ministry gave the prosecutor permission to investigate the members of the Ankara Bar Association's executive board due to their association's statement. For details, please [follow the link](#).

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## Ban on 7th İzmir LGBTI+ Pride Parade has been annulled

The 7th İzmir LGBTI+ Pride Week events planned to be held on June 16-23 in 2019 were banned by the Governorate of İzmir 3 days before the week. The court decided to suspend the execution of the activity ban excluding the bans on the "Bondage Workshop" and "Sexual Toy Workshop" activities planned to be held on June 22nd. In addition, the court asked the Governorate of İzmir of their defense regarding two activities and the Pride March.



Examining the application of the Young LGBTI+ Association and the defense of the Governorate of İzmir, the 1st Administrative Court of İzmir last year ruled not to annul the ban on the 7th LGBTI+ Pride Parade, cancel the ban of two events, citing "no danger of crime" for not annulling the ban on the Pride March.

For details, please [follow the link](#).



## LGBTI+ Agenda of Kaos GL by October 2020

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

Kaos GL Association finalized the online seminar/ workshop series on the general situation of LGBTI+s and LGBTI+ organizations in pandemic on December 2020. You may find the reports of each event in English as well as the three books recently published as follows:

Books:

- [AIDS in Syringe](#)
- [Lavender Ceiling](#)
- [Now, It is High Time](#)

Reports:

- [The Impact of Pandemic on LGBTI+s](#)
- [LGBTI+ Rights are Union Rights](#)
- [HIV & Law](#)
- [The Impact of Pandemic on LGBTI+ Students](#)
- [What Steps can be Taken for the Non-Heteronormative Social Services?](#)
- [LGBTI+ Elders](#)
- [Covid-19 is not Feared as much as the Other](#)
- [Solidarity Beyond Borders](#)
- [The Exit from the Normalized State of Emergency is Possible with Solidarity!](#)
- [How did the Pandemic Affect LGBTI+ Associations in Ankara?](#)
- [Çankaya's 'Resentful' Residents: A Voyage to the World of LGBTI+'s of Çankaya](#)
- [Mechanisms to Protect LGBTI+'s Against Violence Must Be Developed!](#)
- [Towards December 1st: End to Discrimination and Stigmatization!](#)
- [Gaps in the Legislation are Being Filled Against the People Living With HIV](#)
- [State of Emergency is Still Going for LGBTI+s](#)

### The “L\* Version of Love” book set is out!

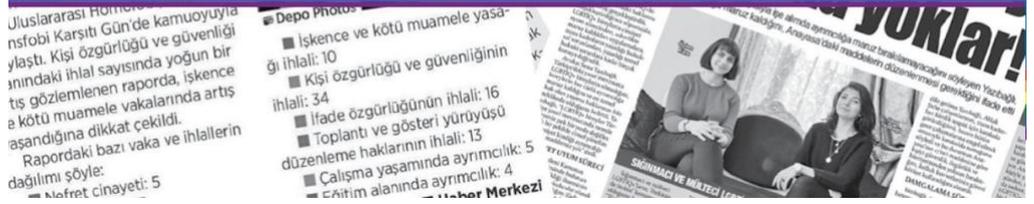
The L\* Version of Love book set, featuring the selected stories from the Women to Women Story Contest, the first "from women to women, by women for women" story contest organized by Kaos GL Association with different themes every year since 2006, has been published by NotaBene Publications. For details, please [follow the link](#).

### Kaos GL's 2020 Media Monitoring Report is out

Kaos GL 2020 Media Monitoring Report is out: The rate of hate speech and discriminatory language is 61 percent, LGBTI+ enmity in the media goes hand in hand with politics, organized hate campaigns are on the rise!



## 2020 MEDYA İZLEME RAPORU



"In summary; the year 2020 was a year in which LGBTI+ identity and existence were shown as "immorality", "disease", "perversion", "crime" and "sin" in the print media. The discriminatory language was used frequently in the print media. More than half of the texts were discriminatory." For details, please [follow the link](#).

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