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Kaos GL Newsletter



METU Pride March Trial on October 8th!

On 16 July, the case was postponed once again in the fifth session of which was held at the Ankara 39th Criminal Court of First Instance. In [the case](#), which was postponed for 18 students and a faculty member on trial to prepare their defense, the request for the next hearing to be held before September 15 was not taken into account, since the two students on trial would go abroad. The next hearing of the protracted litigation process will be held on **8 October** at the **Ankara 39th Criminal Court of First Instance**. It is unclear whether a decision will be made. The students call everyone to be there and follow the case closely.

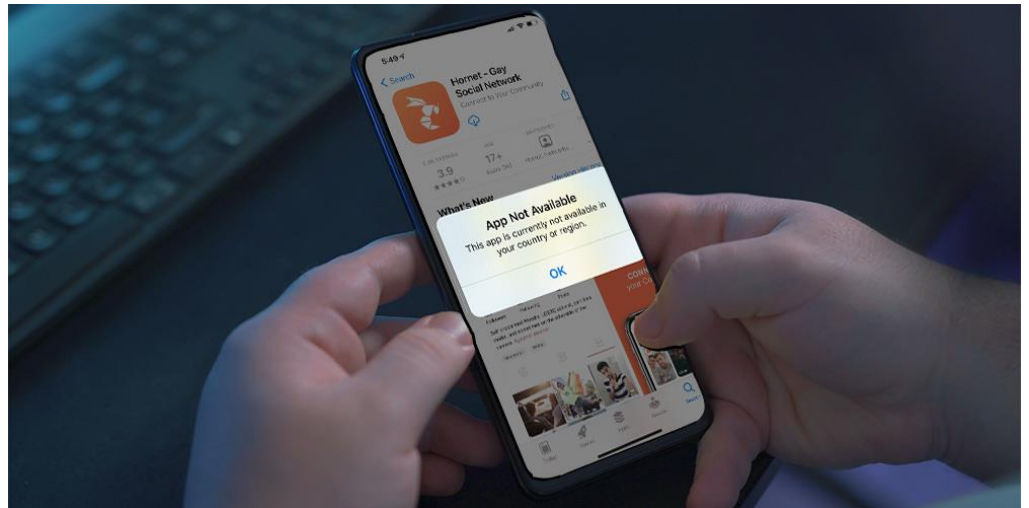
At least 119 women and LGBTI+ rights defenders were detained in 6 months!

The Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (TIHV) has published an information note on the oppression, obstacles, and difficulties faced by human rights defenders in Turkey. According to the note; 1098 rights defenders, including 119 women and

LGBTI+ rights defenders, and 14 environmental rights defenders, were detained. 124 demonstrations and protests, 23 of which were women's and LGBTI+ rights were attacked and blocked by the police. 55 hearings were held in which 338 people were tried, including more than 20 lawyers, 87 women and LGBTI+ rights defenders, and 7 environmental activists. An investigation was launched against the Izmir Bar Association and Diyarbakır Bar Association's administrations for their statements regarding LGBTI+ rights.

Hornet has been blocked and removed from Appstore in Turkey

Access to the dating and partnership network Hornet has been blocked due to the decision of the 8th Criminal Court of Peace in Ankara on 6 August 2020. Users visiting the website of the application are faced with the warning “Access is blocked by the Access Providers Association in accordance with Law No. 5651”. After the ban, Hornet was also removed from the App Store.



Hornet, in a statement published on its website, emphasized that Apple removed the social network "with a court decision of the queerphobic Turkish government". Hornet stated that it is in talks with Turkish courts and Apple to re-add the application to the App Store.

Access to the dating and partnership application Grindr was also blocked by the Telecommunications Communication Presidency (TİB) as of August 2013.



Homophobic censorship from Kitapyurdu, D&R and Idefix after investigation against Heartstopper!

Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office launched an investigation into Alice Oseman's book Heartstopper, which is about the love of two young men. Homophobic statements were also included in the justification of the investigation:

“The book features high school-age children, the two men are turned towards homosexuality, there are obscene moments between them, and there is no age limit on the book”

Bookstore, Idefix and D&R sites have removed the books of the Heart Palpitation series from online sale and they started to sell the book in the stores in a fully covered package.



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Selected Artists of the Ankara Queer Art Program

Focusing on the queer potential of artistic expression, [Ankara Queer Art Program](#), continues to support artists in 2021 as well. In 2021, [Furkan Öztekin](#), [Şafak Şule Kemancı](#) and [Asya Leman](#) were invited as guest artists at the Artist Residency Home of which the selection committee were Aylime Aslı Demir İz Öztat, Kevser Güler and Aylime Aslı Demir.

Ankara Queer Sanat Programı 2021
Ankara Queer Art Program 2021

Seçilen Sanatçılar / Selected Artist:
Furkan Öztekin
Şafak Şule Kemancı
Asya Leman

Jüri / Jury:
İz Öztat
Kevser Güler
Aylime Aslı Demir

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The program, which provides accommodation for the invited artists for 2 months to develop their collaboration in Ankara and also covers the travel & living expenses and production costs of the work & projects of the artists. Through its advisor committee, it also organizes workshops to support the research processes of artists.

Practical Legal Notes from May 17 and Kaos GL

May 17 Association and Kaos GL have been publishing legal notes to be practical for LGBTI+ refugees and foreigners living in Turkey. Here you may

find the notes:

- [A Note on The Right to Health of Foreigners in Turkey with a Tourist Visa or Residence Permit](#)
- [A Note on The Right to Education of Foreigners in Turkey with a Tourist Visa or Residence Permit](#)
- [A Note on The Right to Fair Trial of Foreigners in Turkey with a Tourist Visa or Residence Permit](#)
- [A Note on The Right to Work of Foreigners in Turkey with a Tourist Visa or Residence Permit](#)



Intersex Turkey organized its first study camp!

In the study camp of [Intersex Turkey](#) supported by ASTREA Lesbian Foundation For Justice, 9 activists came together in Ayvalık between 9 and 12 September 2021 to identify a roadmap for the intersex movement in Turkey.

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