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Kaos GL Newsletter

Human Rights Of LGBTI+ People in Turkey Report: There is an increase in violations caused by public authorities!

Kaos GL Association has published the Human Rights Of LGBTI+ People In Turkey 2019 Report. In the report prepared by Att. Yasemin Öz; there are cases of practices and human rights violations from Turkey that prevent LGBTI+ from access to human rights.



The report covers a total of 72 cases in the field of LGBTI+ human rights in 2019 in line with the applications and information received by the judiciary authorities, press, or directly by the Kaos GL Association. There's often more than one violation in these cases. The total number of violations/cases addressed in the report is 134. The report seeks to address all developments in the field of LGBTI+ human rights in 2019 by including the cases evolved into positive processes where justice has been served.

For the detailed news [click here](#) and to read the full report [please click here](#).

Access to LGBTI+ dating site *Gabile* Blocked

Gabile.com, one of the oldest dating website for LGBTI+ community, was censored by Ankara 7th Criminal Court of Peace on 10th September. After the blocking of Grindr and Hornet, this is the third censorship on LGBTI+ dating sites.



The website that can also function as a forum where users can read news about LGBTI+ agenda and make comments was blocked once in 2009. At that time, the website administration opened a court case against Telecommunication Communication Presidency's (TIB) decision, then TIB repealed the decision.

What happened to Grindr and Hornet?
In 2013, Grindr's both website and the application were also blocked in Turkey. Individual application made to the Constitutional Court by Kaos GL in 2015 against this ban is still awaiting a decision.

In August 2020, website of Hornet was also blocked by Ankara 8th Court of Peace.

The court reversed the ban on the 9th METU Pride

Ankara 7th Administrative Court gave its decision in the case regarding the 9th METU LGBTI + Pride Walk. The court annulled the 9th METU LGBTI + Pride ban of the METU Rectorate. With this decision, the decision of the Rectorate, referencing the indefinite LGBTI+ activity ban declared by the Ankara Governorate in November 2017 based on the State of Emergency Law, was found unlawful.

In the lawsuit that the representatives of METU LGBTI+ Solidarity won against the METU Rectorate, Solidarity was found right, arguing that various elements of the process such as authority, reason and purpose were also misused.



Evaluating the outcome of the lawsuit to kaosGL.org, METU LGBTI+ Solidarity emphasized that this result will protect the meetings and demonstrations to be held in other campuses and will prevent similar unfounded bans in the future.

METU LGBTI + Solidarity is planning to hold the 2021 Pride march on campus again.

LC Waikiki bans rainbows and unicorns!

LC Waikiki told its employees "not to use rainbows in a way that can be perceived as LGBT, to decrease the number of colors used in the products and to differentiate the shades of colors".

"In June and July, rainbow, unicorn, rainbow+unicorn themes should not be used in a way that can create LGBT perception", textile company LCW said in an e-mail to its employees.

According to [the article](#) in SolGazete, the company said, "themes that can create an LGBT perception must be avoided" in the e-mail sent by LC Waikiki administration to a group of employees.

Additionally, the company's management wrote in the e-mail that "the number of colors used in the rainbows must be decreased and the color shades used in the rainbows must be differentiated from their originals".

Also, a folder titled "LGBT symbols" was attached to the e-mail. This folder contains global symbols of the LGBTI+ movement.

From living with HIV to aging with HIV: Say no to discrimination!

The May 17 Association's "HIV and Elderly LGBTI+s" online training was held on September 28th. The training, which was attended by around 40 people from different professions, is the first in a series of events under the association's



At the event, project coordinator Özge Gökpınar from the May 17 Association conveyed information on the work of the May 17 Association and the 40+ LGBTI+ Working Group, good examples from around the world, studies conducted in Turkey, problems and solution proposals regarding the elderly LGBTI+'s, the fundamental rights of people living with HIV and elderly LGBTI+'s under the legal system of Turkey, and the test centers in Turkey.

Defne Güzel talked about May 17 and Kaos GL Associations' ongoing research on the human rights of LGBTI's living with HIV. Güzel, who conveyed the process of the project in which they are a researcher, said they carried out a qualitative study.

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

Ahmet Yıldız's murderer father cannot be found for 11 years!

Ahmet Yıldız was killed by his own father due to his sexual orientation in 2008. On 9th of July 2020, the 32th hearing of the case against the murderer father Yahya Yıldız was held. Since 12 years, the murderer Yahya Yıldız cannot be found and appear in court.

LGBTI+ Agenda of Kaos GL by September 2020



May 17 Association celebrated its 1st birthday!

May 17 Association, established in 2nd September 2019, celebrated its first year! The association aims to strengthen LGBTI+ community and activism in Turkey in specific areas such as the rights of HIV+ LGBTI+s, right of LGBTI+ elders and organizational capacities of LGBTI+ organizations.



Happy Birthday May 17 Association!

The updated edition of the Frequently Asked Questions is out

Kaos GL Association's FQA brochure, providing answers to frequently asked questions and describes the basic concepts of LGBTI+ rights, has been updated. The ninth edition of the "Frequently Asked Questions" brochure was published online and printed.

Two new publications from SPOD

Social Policies, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Studies Association (SPOD) produced two new publications: "Strategic Litigations for LGBTI+ Rights in Turkey: Experiences, Insights, Next Steps" and "Check List for the Lawyers working in LGBTI+ Field"

Strategic Litigation report can reached [here](#) and Check List can be reached [here](#).

“Normativity” issue of Kaos GL Magazine is on the shelves

The 174th issue of Kaos GL Magazine, being published since 1994, is now on the shelves with the subject of “Normativity”. This issue of Kaos GL Magazine is discussing the norms with a multi-layered perspective that extends from our ways of activism and subjective truths of the movement to our patterns of action, from our ways of making politics to the LGBTI+ culture and out personal relations.

Ankara Queer Art Program Artist Residency announced their selected artists!

[Ankara Queer Art Program](#) - Artist Residency, which plans to host ten visual artists from Turkey and abroad in Ankara every year, focuses on the possibilities of artistic expression of queer politics and new opportunities. The selected participants of the Ankara Queer Art Program - Artist Residency, organized by Kaos GL, have been announced. The program plans to host visual artists both

from Turkey and worldwide at Ankara. You may find the detailed info about the artists in the following links:

- [AlexTurgeon](#)
- [VeraHoffman](#)
- [SaskyaFunSang](#)
- [JuliaEDyck](#)
- [ErinJohnson](#)
- [DanteBuu](#)
- [BanuÇiçekTülü](#)
- [BahaGörkemYalım](#)
- [Simon\(e\) van Saarloos](#)

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