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**DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATIONS  
IMPLEMENTED DUE TO THE HEADSCARF  
THE TIME PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 2008-2009  
IN TURKEY**

*September 01, 2008*

**Signing of letter of commitment required on enrollment at university...**

An unprecedented application of the ban in İstanbul Aydın University...A signed letter of commitment regarding dress is being imposed on all students enrolling at İstanbul Aydın University. It is demanded that students guarantee not to attend lessons with the headscarf and turban in the campuses of İstanbul Aydın University.

Zaman, <http://www.zaman.com.tr/haber.do?haberno=732940>

*September 22, 2008*

**Headscarf Tension in Bogazici**

Students wearing the headscarf who had being educated for years in Bogazici University were not let into the university on the first day of term under the direction under the new rector Prof. Dr. Kadri Özçaldıran.

<http://yenisafak.com.tr/Gundem/?t=22.09.2008&i=141381>

*October 10, 2008*

**She was not let in to a parent-teacher meeting due to her headscarf**

After being requested to attend a parent-teacher meeting by a friend who had broken her leg, Leyla Akdağ went to the school for the meeting but was refused access at the school door due to her headscarf. Akdağ, who was refused access at the door of Private Yüzyıl Işıl Primary School in Sarıyer, Bahçeköy, said "my friend Ceyda Akar requested me to attend the parent teacher meeting of her daughter who has recently started school. However the security at the door did not let me in due to procedural reasons because I was wearing my headscarf." Akdağ, stating that she will never step foot in that school again, said "we are used to the ban in universities; however I cannot believe that a school offering primary education is applying the ban." Ceyda Akar, who requested Leyla Akdağ to attend the parent teacher meeting in her place, said "Leyla called me and told me that she was not allowed in due to her headscarf. I thought she was joking. I could not believe it. I am very upset."

[http://www.sariyerhaber.org/news\\_detail.php?id=1049](http://www.sariyerhaber.org/news_detail.php?id=1049)

*October 18, 2008*

**Headscarf ban for guest speaker invited to headscarf panel**

When the guest speaker to speak at the headscarf panel organized in Kadir Has University was found to be 'wearing the headscarf', she was made to wait for a long time at the door. Vice-president of the 'Women's Rights Association Against Discrimination', Lawyer Fatma Benli, was not allowed in to speak at the panel to which she had been invited, at Kadir Has University. The panel had been organized to explain the headscarf issue to foreign students. While Benli was preparing to leave, the appearance of media suddenly changed the prohibitive decision and Benli

was allowed in. Benli, instead of reading the text she had prepared for the panel, talked about the events which she had faced at the door and her feelings about the incident.

<http://www.zaman.com.tr/haber.do?haberno=750564&title=basortusu-paneline-cagrilan-konusmaciya-basortusu-yasagi>

*October 30, 2008*

### **Headscarf reaction in the reception!**

When the Mayor of Manisa, Bülent Kar and his headscarfed wife, Selma Kar, entered the reception for the Cumhuriyet Ball, high ranking officials attending from the First Infantry Enlisted Soldier Training Brigade Command and Provincial Gendarmerie Regimental Command gradually left the hall with their wives. The event which had been arranged by Manisa Governors, Celalettin Güvenç and Turan Güvenç at the Police Locale in Manisa Governorship Park, was watched with sadness by other attendees.

Timeturk, <http://www.timeturk.com/Resepsiyonda-basortusune-tepki!-32606-haberi.html>

*November 2, 2008*

### **2 votes in the elections and exiled everybody**

Gökçebay who was appointed to Kastamonu University, despite receiving 2 votes in the 2007 elections (from Sezer), established a dictatorship in the university based on resentment. In the last year 18 academics were fired from the university or forced to resign. Professor, lecturer nor researcher can stand Prof. Bahri Gökçebay, who was appointed vice-chancellor of Kastamonu University.

[http://www.aktifhaber.com/news\\_detail.php?id=195044](http://www.aktifhaber.com/news_detail.php?id=195044)

*November 8, 2008*

### **Mothers with headscarf not allowed into ceremony**

It was claimed that parents under the age of 40, wearing the headscarf, were not allowed in to the swearing ceremony of their sons, organized in the 1st Foot Soldier Training Brigade Command in Manisa. The parents who came to Manisa from all over Turkey, to see their sons who were about to undertake their national service, queued in front of the main entrance of the barracks after waiting days for this ceremony. But an interesting event happened during ID control. According to soldiers' parents, during ID control, women under the age of 40 with headscarf were not let in. The soldiers' parents, who could not hide their confusion about this practice, were forced to watch the swearing ceremony from behind the fence. The parents, who said that they did not deserve this kind of behaviour, protested that it was extremely unfair.

<http://www.livehaber.com/haber.asp?id=12597>

*December 3, 2008*

### **Women with headscarf not let in to Anıtkabir**

Minister Responsible for Women and Family, Nimet Çubukçu and her committee, visited Anıtkabir (Ataturk's tomb) on 3<sup>rd</sup> December in respect of World Disabled Day. During the visit, two mothers of disabled children who were not allowed into Anıtkabir because of their headscarves, were forced to wait for their children outside.

[http://www.memleket.com.tr/news\\_detail.php?id=35851](http://www.memleket.com.tr/news_detail.php?id=35851)

*December 13, 2008*

### **Turkish Bar counted it as offence to vote with headscarf**

Whilst Turkey is debating CHP's (Republican People's Party) expansion of the chador, the TBB(Union of Turkish Bar Associations) counted it as an offence even to vote with the headscarf. TBB has given a warning fine to 17 lawyers wearing the headscarf. Originally the Ankara Bar rejected to punish lawyers wearing the headscarf who voted at the bar elections, indicating that it would be "a fascist application". Later however they gave warning fines and this decision has been approved unanimously.

Timeturk, <http://www.timeturk.com/Baro-basortusuyle-oy-kullanmayi-suc-saydi-39840-haberi.html>

## **YEAR 2009**

*January 4, 2009*

### **Neck scarf forbidden for students, too!**

*Kocaeli University Science-Literature Faculty's students faced with a new year's surprise from the dean, when they arrived at school in frozen weather: at school scarfs, berets, gloves and rain-hoods are forbidden!* Since the weather was getting cold and snowing, students naturally wore their scarves, beret, gloves, rain-hood and arrived at school. At the main entrance of the faculty they came across an announcement: "NOTICE: Inside the Faculty, wearing RAIN-HOOD, HAT, BERET etc. is forbidden. Science- Literature Faculty's Dean Office"

<http://www.turnusol.biz/public/haber.aspx?id=3325&pid=8&haber=Öğrenciye%20atki%20da%20Oyasak!>

*January 12, 2008*

### **Girls wearing headscarf led out during Distance Education Exam**

Headscarf crisis was seen in Denizli during a distance education exam. 40 students were led out of the exam room because of their scarves. They protested the decision in the Denizli Highschool grounds.

Milliyet, <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/2008/01/12/son/sontur59.asp>

*January 25, 2009*

### **She was expelled from Distance Education High school's Exam**

During distance education high school exam, students were led out of the exam room and after a while were allowed to go back. However when they entered the exam room, they were reported by reason of "arriving late to the exam." The school director, Ersan Yılmaz visited each room and removed girls wearing the headscarf. The expelled students could not stop crying. After an hour waiting in the school garden, Yılmaz allowed them to go back to the exam rooms, but reported that they came late for the exam.

<http://www.tumgazeteler.com/?a=4584510>

*February 10, 2009*

The Vice-Chancellor of Bosphorus University opened an investigation against 16 students in the Educational Faculty Primary School Teachers' Education Department by law 2547, Annex 17. They were asked to give their defence.

(10.02.2009, head of investigations committee Prof Dr. Günay Anlaş)

*February 17, 2009*



### **Free Thought and Right to Education Organization (Ozgur-Der) sued for closure**

Ozgur-der was sued because the members of the organization protested against official ceremonies, during which women wearing headscarves were not allowed to attend, expelled from the ceremonial places and insulted. They decided neither to attend those ceremonies nor to send their kids to them. Because of this, Fatih Civil Court of First Instance sued the organization and demanded to be closed up by reason of being contrary to the code of organizations, article 30/1-a-b and the civil code, article 89/1.

(Fatih Chief Public Prosecutor's Office 2009/1473 E., 2009/2 file number)

*February 26, 2009*

### **I came to school with a piercing, am I reported?**

The Bosphorus University which is famous as the castle of freedom among higher educational institutions is now another struggle for freedom. University students supported their friends while they were giving their defences. Since their friends were investigated because of their scarves or berets, some other students gave their opinions and wrote "I have a piercing, and am worried that I will be investigated because of my piercing too."

Timeturk, <http://www.zaman.com.tr/haber.do?haberno=819313>

*March 9, 2009*

### **Transsexual and headscarfed women not allowed!**

Transsexuals were driven away from Can Yücel Avenue in Izmir. The street is famous for its intellectual and art-lover customers. Miko Café in the avenue does not allow transsexual customers. The café asked transsexual customers coming to the café with their friends, who had booked previously, to leave the place. They showed their objective position by saying that "we do not accept women wearing the headscarf either."

<http://www.kaosgl.com/content/transseksuel-ve-turbanli-kadinlar-giremez>

*March 12, 2009*

### **Headscarf Crisis during Turkish National Anthem Programme**

At the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Turkish national anthem's admission, a bunch of events were organized in Diyarbakir Culture Centre. Military officers attending the ceremony left the room before the ceremony when they saw a woman wearing the headscarf sitting at the protocol side. Although that woman was taken to the visitors' side, they refused to come back and attend the ceremony. The governor, Huseyin Avni was told about the situation by Chief Public Prosecutor, Durdu Kavak while they were recorded by the camera of Ihlas News Agent (IHA) and were not aware of it.

<http://www.haber7.com/haber/20090312/Istiklal-Marsi-programinda-turban-krizi.php>

*March 12, 2009*

### **An Awful Situation in GATA (Gulhane Military Medical Academy)**

Captain Sadik Guray Balatekin was expelled from the Turkish Army Forces in 1999 because his wife was wearing the headscarf. His gun, ID card and social security ID were taken back. His wife was suffering from stomach cancer and was in GATA. She was discharged immediately and died 20 days later.

Timeturk, <http://www.timeturk.com/gatada-kahreden-olay-58447-haberi.html>

*March 19, 2009*

The High Board of Election passed a 2009/8 decision. By this decision, women wearing the headscarf were not allowed to be an examiner officer of the vote boxes during the day of the election. The argument behind the decision was that the election room was a public sphere and the examiners were serving for the state. They were obliged to obey the general regulations of state officers.

<http://www.ysk.gov.tr/ysk/docs/genelge/2009/2009-8.htm>

*March 20, 2009*

Soner Ercin who let two student girls wearing headscarves enter the Middle East Technical University (METU) , firstly was demoted to a post in 'cleaning service', then given a punishment of 'deduction from salary' and now 'discharged'. Soner Ercim let two students wearing headscarves enter the University just after a new amendment in the Constitution was approved by 411 Parliaments that introduce freedom to the Universities for letting students wearing headscarves; at that time, University Administration punished him by demotion to the cleaning service. Ercim applied to the Head Office of Higher Education Council and complained about the injustice he experienced. Then, METU let him work again his own job in the security department. However, this time METU employed him only in front of the doors that trucks would come in, instead of his old work place in front of student entries. Ercim sued a case for the cancellation of the punishment of deduction from the salary. During this case was under evaluation, a second investigation was started about him and he was accused of 'causing caos' by letting students wearing headscarves enter the University. Before the investigation has concluded and the Court has made a decision, he was discharged. Newspaper of Vakit

[http://www.mazlumder.org/haber\\_detay.asp?haberID=5149](http://www.mazlumder.org/haber_detay.asp?haberID=5149)

*April 3, 2009*

### **President wearing headscarf overcame the ban by wig**

Malike Uludag won the election and became the mayor of Islahiye Municipality in Gaziantep. Although she conducted her campaign with her scarf on, she got the election by wearing a wig. Her husband was the former mayor. They went together with a group of their party members to the judicial court. After the ceremony she took office.

Timeturk, <http://www.timeturk.com/basortulu-baskan-yasagi-perukla-asabildi-63454-haberi.html>

*April 20, 2009*

### **Headscarf Crisis in AK Party**

Saadet Coban was elected to Trabzon Municipality Congress and took her scarf off at the first meeting of the Congress. After the meeting she declared that she wanted to attend meetings with her scarf on from then on, causing a crisis in her Party.

Timeturk, <http://www.timeturk.com/ak-partide-basortusu-krizi-66578-haberi.html>

*April 26, 2009*

### **Headscarf Shock of Arinc's Assistant**

AK Party Manisa deputy Bulent Arinc's assistant, Mehmet Buker brought his daughter to an official ceremony with her two children. The daughter was wearing a headscarf and she was removed during the ceremony. Mehmet Buker became annoyed and left the event together with his daughter. He told journalists that the application wounded his pride, while other state officers attending the ceremony declared that they were unaware what was going on during the programme.



Tevhidhaber, [http://www.tevhidhaber.com/news\\_detail.php?id=54457](http://www.tevhidhaber.com/news_detail.php?id=54457)

May 3, 2009

### **Survey is that started headscarf ban shock**

Hailey Woldt, who is an American academist and 22 years old, came to Turkey to do research about muslims in American Society. She visited to University of Istanbul for negotiation with her muslim friend, Hadiya. They work together in same survey. Hadiya did not enter the university because of her headscarf. Hailey disturbed this situation and she was curious about headscarf muslims in United States of America. She wore headscarf and sometimes wore surcoat to better understand of them. She went around crowded places and different city of America. Here, the impression of Catholic Hailey with headscarf... Timeturk

<http://www.timeturk.com/basortu-yasagi-sokuyla-baslayan-arastirma-69094-haberi.html>

May 6, 2009

### **Military officers were exiled because of their wives wearing the headscarf**

A secret file was captured from Former Military general Sener Eruygur. According to the file, military officers, petty officers and professional constable sergeants were sent to exile after detecting their IDs and stations worked. In another secret document in the same file, there are some expressions saying that soldiers and officers must be pressed about their wives' attire.

Timeturk, [http://www.haksozhaber.net/news\\_detail.php?id=7927](http://www.haksozhaber.net/news_detail.php?id=7927)

May 9, 2009

### **Congress Member wearing headscarf left office**

Zeliha Peste from AK Party and the only female member of Iznik Municipality Congress left office because of a complaint from CHP Party by reason of wearing her headscarf during meetings. After the CHP's complaint, Zeliha Peste declared that "I will quit my membership instead of taking my scarf off if there is any serious sanction. I left law school for the same reason."

Taraf, <http://www.taraf.com.tr/haber/33364.htm>

May 10, 2009

### **Again Headscarf Persecution**

During an exam organized by a private corporation for primary school students in Zonguldak Karaelmas University, hostile headscarf persecution was experienced. Mothers brought their children to the exam, but were not allowed to enter the University campus.

Tevhidhaber, [http://www.tevhidhaber.com/news\\_detail.php?id=55409](http://www.tevhidhaber.com/news_detail.php?id=55409)

May 15, 2009

### **A beret cancelled all truths in the exam**

Hatice Demir, a distance-education student, was faced with an interesting unjust treatment because of her attire. Demir was allowed to attend an exam with her scarf on. When she was waiting the result, she was shocked by the documents sent from the university. On the grade paper it was written that "you did not obey the regulations about attire and were graded 0."

Zaman, <http://www.zaman.com.tr/haber.do?haberno=848163>

May 22, 2009

### **Judge in Fatih sent away veiled woman**

A veiled woman was driven away by a woman judge in court where she went to demand her right. The judge, Ayla Kara first warned Naciye Sonmez who came to the court action for damages about her divorced husband because of her attire. And she demanded Naciye Sonmez to take her veil off. Donmez refused to take her dress off and judge Kara decided not to try her case and closed her court trial by reason of Sonmez's attire as against Kemalist principles. Sonmez replied by saying "do not draw upon Atatürk. His wife was wearing a veil and he did not behave like you." However Sonmez's denial was not enough. Judge Kara insulted Sonmez, and screamed "wild, rude, cocksure!"

[http://www.habervaktim.com/haber/72801/fatihdeki\\_durusmada\\_hakim\\_carsafli\\_kadini\\_ko\\_vdu.html](http://www.habervaktim.com/haber/72801/fatihdeki_durusmada_hakim_carsafli_kadini_ko_vdu.html)

May 23, 2009

Kalender Tezcan took his daughter, Aynur, to Çapa Medical School Emergency Service, but they did not care of Aynur, because his wife uses clothed in a çarşaf. So "Aynur's brain performed death" Mr. Tezcan said that and he lodge a complaint to Prime Minister. It shows that anti-tesettur is inhuman and grave. Kalender Tezcan brought her ill daughter to the Emergency Service of Medical Faculty of Istanbul. He claimed that doctors dealt with him harshly as soon as he enter the ER. The doctor on duty saw that Mr. Tezcan's wife was wearing chador and his daughter had a headscarf on and the he chided the driver of the ambulance by telling 'Why did you bring them here?'

May 27, 2009

Public Prosecutor of Antalya sued a criminal case about 17 people who attended a press release together with their children. The Prosecutor accused by 'abusing parental right and solicitation of others to this crime'. The Prosecutor claimed the ground as that the children was carrying banner during press release and it was written on banners, 'My Mom wearing headscarf should have the same rights as my sister not wearing it, does', 'Why my Mom could not attend school', 'As a child, I can not understand why some people are angry to headscarf', 'My Mom does not tell me why she can not go to school'.

(Investigation Number: 2007/54924, Case number: 2009/12497, Accusation number: 2009/3561)

June 4, 2009

### **Is it free in Olympics and forbidden in ENKA Facilities?**

Nurgul Yilmaz, a obstetrician/gynecologist, would send her children to ENKA Sport Facilities and applied to the same Institution for getting tennis lessons from professionals. She was shocked when she got an interesting reply to her application; people from ENKA asked her sign 'a document listing conditions for membership' but at the same time they make a warning that she wont be let playing tennis in their institutiuns if she wore headscarf. 6. Article of conditions for membership requires adopting 'I will wear modern sport cloths in sport places and not mke propaganda of any political view' and she was informed that due to this article, she can not learn and play tennis while she was wearing headscarf. She is really upset that a private sports institution can adopt such an approach against people wearing headscarf.

<http://www.haber7.com/haber/20090604/Olimpiyatta-serbest-ENKA-tesislerinde-yasak-mi.php>

June 5, 2009

### **Women Wearing Headscarves Should Reconcile Scathing Criticisms**

In the case that was sued against Ugur Dundar for circulating false news, the judge Abdullah Coban made an extraordinary decision and stated 'Women wearing headscarves should bear scathing criticisms'. After circulating a false news about two doctors working Konya Numune Hospital, an action was brought for damages about Ugur Dundar. The case was under evaluation in Konya Civil Court and the judge made a scandalous evaluation in the decision. The judge rejected aggrieved doctors claim for compensation and stated in his decision 'As a doctor working in state health service, the applicant should reconcile all the criticisms, even though they are scathing due to the mentality under wearing headscarf in contrast to exact sciences and rationalism that she learned during her medical education. Therefore, her case was not justified and rejected.'

<http://www.habervit.rini.com/haber.asp?id=404739>

*June 7, 2009*

### **The headscarf ban was included in "the doorkeeper's regulation".**

The headscarf ban was rested on supposals regulation of apartment doorkeeper service by a manager of an apartment in İzmir. A manager of an apartment near Konak country's border in Yenihaneler locality notified the regulation prepared by herself to whom she employed as doorkeeper. This regulation's 17. item contains limiting rules on religious rights of doorkeeper's wife, children and himself. The manager who see headscarf as a political sign wrote the following statements to the so-called regulation; Doorkeeper's wife, children and himself can not walk around with cap, shintigan and clog. Also his wife and his daughters can not wear headscarves that became a political sign. They can not worship in a place that anybody can see them or he can not make his religious duties an excuse for postponing his Works. Figen Tüzün is an apartment manager in Eski İzmir street who hired a doorkeeper under those condition discharged him before he completed one year in his workplace. She showed a reason that he violated 25. item of 4857 numbered industrial law several times. The occupants say:" he was employed because he disobeyed to the manager. Seriner claims that the manager dismissed him due to the 17. Item of the regulation. He says 'About three months ago my wife's brother and his wife came visiting us. The manager make a fuss about my brother's wife's headscarf. She asked her take of headscarf. At that time we argued with the manager. This event is the beginning of my dismissal.

*10 June 2009*

### **Headscarfed or bearded people weren't taken into condolence home at military housing**

Orhan Çiftçi was working as a civil servant at command build in architecture property's branch office when he died. Then his relatives of the family came for condolence to his home but they weren't admitted to the command build because they were headscarfed or bearded. Orhan Çiftçi was a civil servant and he lived at officers' club near Erzurum high school who died from heart attack last Friday. When Çiftçi's corpse is carrying away to the morgue his relatives started to

came for condolence his home. But this condolence visiting turn into cruelty because Orhan Çiftçi's house was in the command build. The soldiers in regular army stick out Çiftçi's relatives: "have a shave and get in", also they say same thing his headscarfed relatives: "put of headscarf and get in. So his brother in law's house was opened as a condolence house in Sanayi at Edip Somunoğlu street. Thereupon Orhan Çiftçi's relatives condole with Çiftçi's family at this house.

*14 June 2009*

### **She wear ban her neck and a minute was drawn about her**



A student in Malatya when entering University entrance exam (OSS), she take of her ban and wore it on her neck, but masters of the exam drawn a minute about her then she complained to the police about whom drawn a minute about her. A woman, named H.Ç(31), entered OSS exam in Hacı Hasan Kavuk Çıraklık Education Center in Malatya. A student in Malatya when entering University entrance exam (OSS), she take of her ban and wore it on her neck, but masters of the exam drawn a minute about her then she complained to the police about whom drawn a minute about her. She stated 'I took of my headscarf and put it on my neck. I enter the exam and go on like this until the end of the exam. The officer warned me about taking of my headscarf from my neck But I didn't obey to them.'" After the exam they drawn a minute about her, but they wrote down that she wore headscarf on her head, and they said to her that her exam paper would be cancelled. Then, she made a complaint to the police about the false information they wrote on the minute. Police started an investigation about the event.

*18 June 2009*

### **The headscarf adjustment in university at oath-taking ceremony**

Students of Medical Faculty of Zonguldak karaelmas university had a hippocratic oath ceremony in their graduation. Headscarfed relatives of students who came for the ceremony to the university was warned by officer that their headscarf should be linked under their chin. Upon officers warnings, some parents linked their headscarves under their and only then they could enter the auditorium. The officers made a last check about headscarfed women before starting the ceremony. Two women who did not link their ban under their chin were warned lastly by the officers. Headscarfed parents could watch the ceremony after linking their headscarves under their chin.

*June 15, 2009*

### **Invariant persecution**

Prohibition and repression are performed by OSS against headscarf children does not change by AKP in power since 7 years. OSS is done yesterday and it is a persecution for headscarf children. Some girls ashamed to wear wig, other hand some girls was forced to turn her head with security staff in a room that was established in front of the testing center.

[http://www.habervak tim.com/haber/75893/degismeyen\\_ezivet.html](http://www.habervak tim.com/haber/75893/degismeyen_ezivet.html)

*June 25,2009*

### **TMMOB(Mechanical Engineering Union in Turkey) took a stand against headscarf people.**

Mechanical Engineering Union Branch Office in Ankara wants uncovered photos from headscarf members and was signed scandal. They do not issue a certificate for members who do not give uncovered photo. It fell on the agenda as a bomb.

[http://www.dunyabulteni.net/news\\_detail.php?id=81363](http://www.dunyabulteni.net/news_detail.php?id=81363)

*July 13, 2009*

### **Written on walls and passed**

#### **.. headscarf difficulty for 21 students**

Universty Entrance Exams of 196 students were invalidated and reasons were as follows: 52 cheating, 21 disobedience of clothing rules(wearing headscarf), 26 absence of ID and exam ID, 61 behaviour against rules, 4 absence of answer sheet, 11 personal substitution. The most successful schools were social sciences schools. All students from these schools who applied for exam passed the lowest mark of 165. Official sciences schools followed them with a success rate of 99.86.While imam hatip high schools had a success rate of 79.35, afternoon schools were on the

bottom of the list with 36.13 success rate.

<http://taraf.com.tr/haber/37575.htm>

*August 7, 2009*

**The governer blamed the mayor from MHP political party**

Yusuf Ziya Günaydın, the mayor of Isparta had asked the governer Ali Haydar Öner whether a covered woman could join the city council meeting and whereupon Hatice Çakır from AK party had to put a wig on her headscarf to be able to join in. When the public became aware of the situation the governer announced a statement. Öner said that it was not appropriate asking opinion from governership but home office on the matter. He suggested that existing laws and rules were applied for Hatice Çakır, a member of city council. He added that the situation was assesed according to the general rules and laws practiced in Turkey without any removal or insertion. The governer said that if a covered woman could enter the parliament hall then she could enter the city council comparing the city council and the parliament and that they were not become a party to any action. He added that using the matter to develop tension or polemic would not be useful for anyone.

<http://www.cafesiyaset.com/haber/20090807/Vali-sucu-MHPl-i-baskana-atti.php>

*August 20, 2009*

**There is a pressure about dressing on wife's of lecturers in KTU**

Wife of Assoc. Prof Uğur Çevik who is a lecturer in physics department said that she had a problem in university residence area due to wearing headscarf and even going for shopping became a problem. She said that they have been living there for 10 years but this event had become a last straw. She said that 1.5 year ago inconceivable thing happened when they went to a restaurant in residence and waitresses told that she could not enter the restaurant because of her headscarf. whereupon she said that her husband was a lecturer in KTU then they told her she could sit at a table behind the pot. Çevik drew attention that 1.5 month ago her relatives were not allowed to enter the residence by reasons of wearing headscarf and then she had to let them in only by car.

<http://www.milligazete.com.tr/haber/olmaz-boyle-rezalet-136123.htm>