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Tackling Honour in the Aftermath with a Good Practice

The old laws

Article 462- If the acts mentioned in the two sections above are committed, against a husband or a wife or a sister or one of the children or the common perpetrator or both who were eye witnessed on the act of adultery or at the moment he/she was having illegitimate sexual intercourse or if it appears without doubt that he/she committed adultery or had illegitimate sex, by a wife or a husband or one of the parents or a brother or a sister, the determined punishment for the act is reduced by one eighth and transformed into heavy imprisonment²⁰.

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“The right to life, and to preserve and develop one’s material and mental existence are basic rights which are not touchable, resolvable, or renouncable. This article arising from the claim of an individual to possession and domination over another individual who is leading her life based on her own free will and own choices, especially if she has reached the age of discretion and can distinguish between right and wrong, his egoism of not allowing her to love someone else, and the idea of cleansing the honour, have nothing in conformity with the general principles of law”.

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“If the criminal act of deliberate murder is committed, with the motive of saving the honour of the perpetrator or his wife or his mother or his daughter or his granddaughter or his foster daughter or his sister, against an illegitimate child before it is registered in the Public Registration Office and within the five days following its birth, the perpetrator receives a sentence of five years to ten years imprisonment.”

Article 453 If the act of murder is committed by the mother against the new-born child with the motive of saving her honour, the perpetrator is sentenced to 4 to 8 years imprisonment”

A Good Practice: Doing it with Religious Leaders in Secular Turkey

Increasing Capacity of Religious Leaders

Raising Awareness and

