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LGBT Journalist Beaten by Police Officers

Resolved

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

LGBT journalist Michelle Demishevich (T24) has been beaten on 1 June 2015 by plain clothes police officers in front of the Belgian Consulate in Istanbul. Demishevich was attempting to attend a press statement given by Sümeyye Erdoğan, the daughter of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The journalist has filed a complaint with the police, according to an article posted by her employer T24. The following days, the EFJ has received a second complaint from Demishevich who was harassed and targeted by an Islamist online magazine because of her origin and sexual orientation.


RESOLVED

13 Sep 2016: In the immediate wake of the incident, an investigation was opened against the police officers involved. On 13 September 2016, the partner organisations of the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 [EFJ Article: 'Growing pressure on journalists in Turkey before the elections'](#)

STATE REPLIES

 **27 Aug 2015** | Response of the Turkish Government

 [Letter from the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe](#)

