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Journalist Beyza Kural Briefly Detained and Threatened with Violence by Police While Covering Protest

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

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Beyza Kural, female reporter for Bianet, was covering a public protest on 6 November 2015 in Beyazit (Istanbul) when police handcuffed her from behind and briefly detained her. Kural was set free thanks to the intervention of other journalists and protesters who were around. According to Bianet, police officers tried to seize the card of her camera and shouted, referring to the result of the elections, that "From now on nothing will be like before, we will teach it to you".

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13 Sep 2016: Journalist promptly released after presenting her card. 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

-  Article by Bianet: "Detainment Effort by Handcuffing Behind bianet Reporter Beyza Kural"
-  Article by Bianet: "Parliament to Discuss Police Violence on bianet Reporter"

STATE REPLIES




11 Jan 2016 | Response of the Turkish Government

 **Letter from the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe**

RELEVANT COE INSTRUMENTS



29 Feb 2016 | Factsheet on media coverage of protests and demonstrations

 **Overview of the ECHR case law and European regulations and standards (CoE, EU, OSCE) related to media coverage of protests and demonstrations.**

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