



Media Monitoring

Situation Report February 1-2, 2010

1) Higher penalties in cases of discrimination

On February 1st, 2010, *Die Presse* publishes an article asserting that in the future contracting housing or visits to locals will be strictly analyzed. Concerning companies, the salaries of men and women have to be made public.

"... Women Minister Gabriele Heinisch-Hosek (Social Democrat) had worked a bill that should be in force next fall. However, there exist still negotiations with the People's Party and the Social Partners/ The plans of Heinisch-Hosek were presented to Presse:

- Discrimination outside the work place will be stronger persecuted. Apart from the protection during the labor relation, Andrea Brunner from the Women Ministry clarified that in addition you could all legate discrimination because of gender or ethnic origin. In the future, the Federal Law of Equal Treatment will also permit to complain for discrimination based on religion, convictions, sexual orientation and age. ...

- The criminal penalties to the companies will be increased. In case that somebody is not hired because of discrimination, the penalty for the company will be hired. Instead of the current two months of the corresponding salary, according to the wish of Heinisch-Hosek, three fictional salaries will be received as penalty. The penalties will also be increased in case of discrimination in the job announcement itself (from 500 to 750 Euro). This will apply when the advertisement requires only men. The minimum penalties for sexual harassment in the job will increase from 720 to 1500 Euro.

- The main aspect of the reform is the obligatory divulgation of salary differences between men and women in the company. This will be required for companies with more than 25 workers required as transparency by Heinisch-Hosek. The divulgation does not only include the difference between men and women in the company in general, but also in each application group.... "

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2) *Treatment of asylum-seekers in Austria*

The weekly *Falter* publishes the following article:

"... Jovan Mirilo, winner of the Bruno Kreisky prize for human rights should be deported... Experts as the historian Oliver Rathkolb, Human Rights Professor Manfred Nowak and the Balkan Specialist warn because of this decision. Mirilo obtained in 2007 the internationally known human rights prize, because he had sent the famous video of the massacre of Srebrenica to an International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague. According to Jury, it originated 'an important period of reflection and controversial internal discussion within the Serbian society.'

Mirilo finds himself now in danger for his life. Renowned experts in the Balkans corroborate this and prevent, that Jovan Mirilo could fear a similar destiny that the Chechen key witness Umar Israilov, who was killed one year ago in Vienna, as the officers did not take his fears seriously enough.

The Federal Asylum Office accuses Mirilo to be an impostor or a criminal. The jury of the Bruno-Kreisky prize at the time of granting it would not have known that the prize was given 'because of false information' Juror Oliver Rathkolb opposes massively this opinion in 'Falter'-when asked.

The asylum decision concerning Mirilo was grounded, according to 'Falter' basically on an anonymous expertise, presented to Falter. In it there would be several manipulated texts. Sources are missing, and passages that reveal the existence of a situation of danger, are omitted. The Chef of Amnesty International Heinz Patzelt considers the expertise 'deeply questionable from the point of view of the rule of law'. The Home Ministry, to which the Federal Asylum Office is an organ, will not comment on the case."

3) *Right-extremism*

Der Standard publishes an article on the killing of a skinhead in Bregenz one year ago, and the demonstration of neo-Nazi as commemoration on February 2nd, 2010.

"In relevant internet fore are 'all organizations and sympathizers 'called to march on Saturday before the Church Hörbranner..."



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