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HONOUR KILLINGS IN TURKEY

Abstract:

This academic work will look at the “honour killings” in Turkey. An honour killing is the homicide of an individual due to the perpetrators' belief that the victim has violated the principles of a family or a community or a religion. Honour killings have a long tradition in Turkey. It is also a strong concern that many suicides of women could be honored crimes, especially in eastern and southeastern Turkey, with the family forcing the victim to commit suicide. Hoping to join the EU, Turkey has strengthened the punishment for honour crimes. Despite the legal reforms, the violence against women in the name of honour and tradition has continued.

This paper will discuss challenges and solutions to the problem. In addition to academic works, the paper will be based on sources from the media.

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