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---ASSIGNMENT OF HOMOSEXUAL/LESBIAN CBS TO TURKEY

WITH REGARD TO TURKEY, ANSWERS TO YOUR THREE QUESTIONS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

(A) HOMOSEXUALITY AND LESBIAN ACTIVITY ARE NOT/NOT SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED AS OFFENSES IN TURKISH CRIMINAL CODE BUT ARE COVERED
UNDER MORE GENERAL PROVISIONS FORBIDDING INDECENT ACTS AND
COVERING OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY. THIS ACTIVITY, PRIVATE
OR OTHERWISE, IS THEREFORE PUNISHABLE UNDER TURKISH CRIMINAL
CODE. POLICE ARE EMPLOYED TO ENFORCE LAW AND DO SO WHEN EVIDENCE
OF SUCH ACTIVITIES COME TO THEIR ATTENTION. POLICE USUALLY USE
ALL ENCOMPASSING 1985 DUTIES AND AUTHORIZATION ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER THAT ALLOWS THEM TO ENFORCE LOCAL STANDARDS OF PUBLIC
MORALITY AND DECENCY. POLICE NOT/NOT ONLY ACT ON COMPLAINTS
THEY ALSO TAKE INITIATIVE TO SUPPRESS THESE ACTIVITIES EXTENT TO
WHICH USUALLY DEPENDS ON VIEWS OF LOCAL POLICE CHIEF. POLICE
USE ADMIN POWERS TO REMOVE HOMOSEXUALS/LESBIANS FROM KNOWN
HANGOUTS AND CAN EVEN FORCE PEOPLE APPREHENDED TO UNDERGO
MEDICAL TESTS FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

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2.VERY FEW CASES ARE EVER BROUGHT TO COURT AND WHEN THEY ARE THEY ARE USUALLY HANDLED UNDER OTHER CRIMINAL PROVISIONS AS GENERAL SUBJECT IS BASICALLY ONE MOST TURKS DO NOT/NOT WANT TO HEAR OR KNOW ABOUT.

3.WHILE NO/NO EXPLICIT RULES/REGULATIONS EXIST HOMOSEXUALS/LESBIANS ARE DE FACTO BARRED FROM MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE UNDER VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.THERE ARE OCCASIONAL EXCEPTIONS IN CASE OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY.TURKEY AS ISLAMIC DOMINATES STATE,TENDS TO BE CONSERVATIVE IN ITS MORAL AND ETHICAL VALUESBECOMING MUCH MORE STRICT IN RURAL AREAS. INDEED THERE IS UNDERLYING HOSTILITY TOWARDS HOMOSEXUALITY IN MODERN TURKEY NOT/NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF MACHO MALE IMAGE IN TURKISH SOCIETY BUT ALSO TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT EFFEMINATE CHARACTERISTIC PERCEIVED BY WEST AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND ITS MILITARY AS PORTRAYED IN SEDUCTION SCENE IN MOVIE LAWRENCE OF ARABIA.AS EXAMPLE OF RATHER STRICT TURKISH MORAL ATTITUDE,TUYA ESER TURKISH AUTHOR OF RECENT NOVEL BASED ON LESBIANISM IN TURKEY HAD BOOK BANNED AS AN AFFRONT TO PUBLIC MORALITY AND IS BEING TRIED ON SAME CHARGE UNDER PENAL CODE 426(1)WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ASKING FOR THREE YEAR SENTENCE. CASE WAS ADJOURNED AS COURT SEEKS QUOTE EXPERT UNQUOTE ADVICE ON CONTENT OF NOVEL.ANOTHER TURKISH AUTHORESS WHO WROTE ABOUT AN ADULTEROUS EXPERIENCE HADHER BOOK BANNED AND HAS BEEN SUBJECT ...3

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CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL ABUSE AND SCORN. WHEN MATTER GETS INTO PUBLIC DOMAIN TURKS REACT INTOLERANTLY ALTHOUGH IN LARGER URBAN AREAS VIEW CAN BE LESS HARSH.

(B) BASED ON ABOVE WE BELIEVE THAT ANY HOMOSEXUAL/LESBIAN CBS WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE CONTACT WITH TURKISH PUBLIC OR OFFICIALS WOULD QUICKLY BE OSTRACIZED ONCE FACT BECAME KNOWN AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO PERFORM THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES EFFECTIVELY. THIS WOULD APPLY TO ALL OFFICER STAFF. WITH REGARD TO CBS SUPPORT STAFF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON TYPE OF WORKING RELATIONS THEY COULD ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN WITH LES. WHILE MOST OUR LES ARE PROGRESSIVE IN THEIR VIEWS IT WOULD BE VERY SUBJECTIVE TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]

(C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT WOULD DO NOTHING TO PREVENT POSSIBLE PUBLIC/PERSONAL HARASSMENT OUTSIDE OF OFFICE FROM LARGELY INTOLERANT TURKISH SOCIETY, GIVEN LINGUISTIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES THAT ALREADY EXIST MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO LIFE IN TURKEY DIFFICULT FOR SOME, ADDITION OF SEXUAL DIFFERENCES WOULD, WE BELIEVE, ADD CONSIDERABLE HARDSHIP TO DAILY LIVING CONDITIONS.

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