



**Eyes of the World
are watching**



The Endless story

of an “Official” frame-up:
PINAR SELEK CASE
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Napoleon asked his generals after a lost battle:

- *Why did we lose?*

- *There are three reasons your Excellency. First is “we ran out of gun powder”. The second...*

Napoleon told him to stop:

- *That is enough!*

It is the same story. Pınar Selek = “A bomber”
But which bomb? **THERE IS NO BOMB AT ALL!**



WE ACCUSE!

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL FRAME UP

Many of you have known the Initiative for Freedom of Expression for years. During our struggle for freedom of expression in Turkey, since 1995, we have never supported violence. But this time we are here to support a **bomber(!)**.

Yes, she is a sociologist, a researcher, defender of transsexuals who are humiliated and oppressed, sister of helpless street children, a determined activist of peace and human rights and has nothing to do with terror. Yet she is blamed for bombing the historical marketplace “Mısır Çarşısı” of Istanbul, killing many people, as the leader of a terrorist organization. The fact is neither such an organization nor the **bombing** exist. Police expert reports say it was definitely not a bomb and it might be a **gas-leak explosion**.

It is not a secret that Turkish police loves Mike Hammer methods. If they cannot find any evidence to prove their theory, they simply create one. A very old tradition: “*Put some drug into his pocket then arrest him!*” But this time it is much worse than such childish game. Someone(s) in high places needed a criminal to take part in a terrible scenario to play their “Psychological War” game. The gas explosion at the marketplace was already declared as a terrorist attack, and Selek, who was in custody at the time because of her research on a forbidden subject, seemed to be the most suitable victim to be blamed. And a scenario was produced placing her at the center as the bomber.

Yes, this is an **official conspiracy**. Not only the small triangle of “Police-prosecutor-judges”, but the greatest triangle of “Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice and **Psychological War Center** (wherever it is) were involved. This case is an “*Official lie*”; therefore all the state institutions have been mobilized to save the “*honor of the state*”.

Please take a look at the story and do not forget that every sentence in this text is based on the documents of the case file and can be documented if needed.

SO WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

This section is our interpretation of what happened and ofcourse you don't have to believe it. Yet we did not make up any of these. We repeat that we are prepared to prove each sentence with documents from the case file. Let us look at what happened before the chronological list of events.

9 July 1998: An explosion occurred at the entrance of a historical marketplace: “Mısır Çarşısı”. 7 people were killed, 126 were injured, 5 of them were injured critically. The explosion was announced to be due to “a gas leakage”.

11 July 1998: Pinar Selek was detained for another reason (one of researches was found suspicious). She was not questioned over the explosion during her interrogation. She was asked questions about PKK and was asked to “give names”, she did not have any names to give and was tortured for it. She was given electricity, her hands were tied behind her and she was hanged from her wrists (a method called Palestine hanger). They could not make her speak so a scenario of “a bombing plan” was written up to accuse her. Yet at that stage the scneario was not connected to the historical market place, it was an unsuccessful and amateurish attempt.

In another incident the police had captured and examined some explosives and **it was recorded that no fingerprints were found** on them before they were disposed yet the police kept a cutter case and some parcel tape as evidence. So when Pinar was in torture her fingerprints

suddenly were created on a parcel tape that was at the security center before Pınar was arrested and had nothing to do with her!...

The same sort of inconsistency were at work about Pınar's office search record. In the record it said "*the doorlock was opened by the key found on Pınar Selek*". On her bodysearch record every item on her including her hairpin was recorded but no "key". Infact a key was not necessary because the place searched as Pınar's office was a low and dark room with no lock, anybody could go in just pushing the door. It was a room she used for artworksops for homeless children. This room was called her workplace and it was claimed in the first scenario that the bomb was produced there.

At the same time, "some people" much higher up, needed a scenario and a bomber too. They wanted to exploit "Mısır Çarşısı" tragedy for their own ends. According to the new scenario: Pınar Selek encouraged Abdulmecit Oztürk and they produced the bomb together in Seker Guler's house. Guler is Ozturk's maternal aunt.

17 August 1998: Press reported "Mısır Carsısı" tragedy which was declared as a gas explosion earlier as a PKK bombing. Who gave this information to press?

18 August 1998: The key person of the accusation "**Confessor**" **Abdulmecit Ozturk** told the prosecutor that his earlier statement in the police was taken through torture. But strangely enough he was kept waiting in the corridor for 15 minutes and changed his mind during that time and gave a new statement to the prosecutor **Engin Baltaci**, accusing Selek. His statement to the prosecutor begins with a strange line "as the prosecutor kept him waiting in the next room". This statement was supposed to have the prosecutor's signature underneath but it did not. It appeared as if the statement was not written by the prosecutor himself but by the police and the prosecutor forgot to sign it before filing it...

Again 18 August 1998: 15:30 pm. Confessor Ozturk was taken by the police to the crime scene for reconstruction. And in such a short time a group of protesters somehow received the information and managed to gather at the marketplace to protest. Protesters were making wolf signs

with their hands. The police had to take the confessor back to stop a lynching attempt, thus the reconstruction was interrupted yet it was recorded as if it had been completed.

Again on 18 August 1998: The same prosecutor **Engin Baltacı**, took a statement from Abdulmecit Ozturk's aunt **Seker Guler**: *"The girl on the picture is the one who came to my house. They went into the room with my nephew and shut the door I do not know what they did."*

27 October 2000: Seker Guler was at the hearing in Istanbul 4th State Security Court but her words could not be understood since she does not speak Turkish. A translator helped her to give a statement where she said she did not identify Selek, she had never seen her before and she did not know her. She told the court *"they put a paper in front of me and made me press my finger on it."*

CHRONOLOGY:

(Three different events were unfolding at the same time which merged at a later point)

- 09. 07. '98 **Explosion** at "Egyptian Market", 7 killed 126 injured.
- 10. 07. '98 Press reports: **"Gas tube explosion, 7 dead, 126 injury"**.
- 10. 07. '98 Police expert –report on the scene: **Not a bomb**.
- 11. 07. '98 Police expert –investigation- report: **Not a bomb**.
- 11. 07. '98 *Bomb Disposal Squad report: **No fingerprint found on the evidence.** (05:00)*
- 11. 07. '98 Pınar Selek is in detainment for another reason (18:00 pm).
- 11. 07. '98 Two different records of "body search" say: *"no key on her"*
- 12. 07. '98 Pınar's office was entered using the key on her, and **the bomb was found.** (02:30)
- 13. 07. '98 Police –crime scene- second report: **Not a bomb**.
- 14. 07. '98 ***Pınar's fingerprints found on the parcel tape, mentioned as evidence on the bomb squad.** 11.07. '98. (05:00)*
- 14. 07. '98 Criminal laboratory Report: **No finding of a bomb**.
- 20. 07. '98 Police report, investigation on the scene: **Not a bomb**.

If there had been a bomb it would have created at least half a meter deep hole! The peaces of the bomb would have been found on the bodies of those killed and injured.

Where are they?

Upto this point historical “Mısır Çarşısı” marketplace incident is simply an incident of “gas-leak” and Pınar Selek is in custody for another reason and she is tortured. Yet she is not asked any questions about “Mısır Çarşısı” historical marketplace incident. She is asked to give names of “PKK members” and as she does not give any names in revenge the police is trying to blame her for “making a bomb”. Finding fingerprints on a parcel tape, 3 days after the tape was destroyed is in itself a wonder!

**** AND THE MATTER GETS COMPLICATED AT THIS POINT ****

- 15. 08.'98 Abdulmecit Ozturk accuses Selek in his police statement.
- 18. 08.'98 He denies it in his new statement given to the prosecutor.
- 18. 08.'98 15 minutes later he changes his mind and accuses Selek
- 18. 08.'98 At 15:30 pm. Lynching attempt during reconstruction at the crime scene (?!).
- 19. 08.'98 All press and media: **“PKK bombed the marketplace”**
(But where have they got this information?)

***** TRIAL *****

- 14. 04. '99 **dated hearing, accused A.** Ozturk says: “I do not know Selek”
- 27. 10. '00 **dated hearing accused S.** Guler says: “I do not know Selek”.
- 22. 12. '00 dated hearing, considering the reports the court released Selek
- 13. 04. '01 The Ministry of Home Affairs acts in its own initiative and gets a report prepared, new expert commission.
- 28. 12. '05 dated hearing, the prosecutor asks for life imprisonment.

REPORTS

On PINAR SELEK (Before indicted for marketplace incident):

11.07. '98 Some explosives captured in another incident are disposed by the bomb squad. Police investigation report says **“no fingerprints found”** yet a piece of parcel tape was kept by the police as evidence.

14.07. '98 **Pınar's fingerprints** found on the same parcel tape!?

BOMB OR NOT?

10. 07. '98 Police expert –crime scene- report: **Not a bomb**
11. 07. '98 Police expert -investigation- report: **Not a bomb**
13. 07. '98 Police –crime scene- second report: **Not a bomb.**
14. 07. '98 Criminal Lab. Report: **No finding of a bomb.**
20. 07. '98 Police crime scene investigation final report: **Not a bomb.**
02. 11. '98 Report of experts commission, appointed by the prosecutor:
Nitrocellulose remnants
15. 06. '00 Reşat Apak, Istanbul University, the Head of Department
of Analytical Chemistry: **Nitrocellulose is present in many
material, it does not prove that it is a bomb.**
27. 07. '00 Cerrahpaşa Faculty of Medicine, Criminal Medical Report:
This is not a bomb. This report is not scientific.
21. 12. '00 The report of three expert professors appointed by the court:
Definitely not a bomb, a gas leak.

22. 12. 2000 PINAR WAS RELEASED, BUT...

13. 04.'01 The Ministry of Home Affairs gets a report prepared which
had no signature. The report said that it was **a bomb!**
04.07. '02 The court appointed new expert commission: **Yes, a bomb.**
10.07. '02 Report of Prof. Dr. Inci Gokmen: **Definitely a gas leakage**
21.12. '02 METU(Electrical Engineering Comm.): **Definitely gas leakage**

CONCLUSION?

The court statements of the accused and the witnesses which refuse earlier police statements and say the previous statements were taken through torture, all the police and expert reports, all of these get ignored. And the one report which was prepared on the orders of the Ministry of

Interior after Pinar Selek's release which had no signature, no scientific support.

What would you expect after all these information and documents?

You would expect the prosecutor to ask for acquittal, right?

No, despite all the clear information and documents the prosecutor still asked for life imprisonment without parole (Capital punishment under the old law). On the other hand the Ministry of Justice kept asking the court to give information on the case on the excuse that some unknown people applied for it. The others accused in the case demand to be transferred on grounds that their lives were in danger but they were kept in the same place with the confessors, they are forced to confess.

On June 8, 2006, the court acquitted her due to lack of evidence and it was welcome as a legal victory. But the chief prosecutor was determined to save the honour of his State. He objected and the 9th Chamber of the Appeal Court rejected the acquittal, sent the files back to the court, quoting that the court should decide depending on the existing evidence.

Proverb: **“If the meat gets stale you salt it, what if the salt gets stale?”**

Next hearing: May 23, 2008, at 10 p.m., No.16, Criminal Court, Besiktas

WHO IS PINAR SELEK, WHY SHOULD WE SUPPORT HER?

Selek is a **sociologist**, a **researcher**, a **writer**, a **journalist** and most importantly a determined **peace and human rights activist**.

Born in 1971. She went to **“Notre Dame de Sion”** high school. She was graduated from **Mimar Sinan University** Sociology Department as the best student of the school. She did a diploma in **Udel University Department of Political Economy** in

France. She also did an MA in sociology at **Mimar Sinan** University.

She attracted hostility from the police for conducting work and research on transvestites, sex workers and street children. She is a social engineer who set up an art workshop for the outcast members of the society. She is the founder and an active member of “Amargi women’s Collective” and a journalist as well. She also wrote books: “Masks, cavalries and Gaci’s”, “Ya Basta”, “From Bab-ı Ali to Ikitelli”, “We could not make peace”...

Professional bodies do not necessarily support their colleagues, unless the controversy is over an issue related to their profession. Thus they would be distant and cautious towards Selek who is presented as a bomber. Yet if you read this pamphlet you will see that the truth is different. Each claim in this pamphlet is based on the documents of the case file and we can help you access those documents if needed.

Maybe the most important aspect to this case is that it is a **“state conspiracy.”** How could the prosecutor ask for life imprisonment despite clear evidence? This sort of dealings can be done in the dark. It cannot be done while the “Eyes of Turkey” and the World are set over a case. Chomsky, Mehmed Uzun, Orhan Pamuk cases are examples of that. We call on writers, journalist and academic bodies and all human rights organizations to support Pinar Selek on this fake case.

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