

“Deaths with cyanide poisoning are not mass suicide”

Sociologist Asst. Prof. Dr. Kemal Er at Istanbul Gelisim University evaluated the deaths with cyanide poisoning and said that it is not right to consider these cases as mass suicide. He made statements about the deaths with cyanide poisoning in Fatih, Bakırköy and Antalya.

IGU Asst. Prof. Dr. Sociologist Kemal Er said: “It is not right to consider these cases as mass suicide. We need to have sufficient information, documents and data in order to evaluate them as mass suicide. However, we have not got any in these cases. In fact, there is a child involved in the last incident in Bakırköy, who is unlikely to have made such a decision.

Therefore, without information, documents we cannot say such a thing. A collective decision must be made for mass suicide. However, this is not the case here. In other words, there are mass suicides committed by sects. A certain closed culture may have decided collectively within that culture, but this is not the case here. It is possible to say something about mass suicide, let's take individual suicide as an example. In individual suicide, just as a person consciously decides to commit suicide, people who have commit suicide in mass suicide must have made a joint decision together. We cannot say such a thing because we do not have enough information and documents about such a situation here.”

INVESTIGATION OF SOCIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CAUSES IS NEEDED

Stating that people can stay under enormous pressure and make such decisions when they don't find out how to deal with pressure Er continued his words as follows:

“In terms of evaluating suicide, of course, we mean collective suicide here, to evaluate it as suicide does not justify. Suicide is a condition that needs to be emphasized. It may be necessary to investigate what causes the suicides. This may have sociological and psychological reasons. The sociological cause may be social deterioration, for example. It may be that state of a person or a family is getting worse. Poverty can lead to suicide. There may be reasons such as excessive tradition pressures. But it is not possible to generalize it. Because people who stay in the same situation do not engage in such actions. As an example, how can an individual decide when a suicide decision is made as a result of great pressure? There may be a situation of depression. There may be millions of people living in the same situation, but not everyone chooses the same path of suicide. Therefore,

sociological and psychological aspects of the work should be examined. It is important that sociologists increase their research on this issue. Again, psychologists may be involved in studies on these issues or in case of psychological help. If possible, such assistance should be provided free of charge. We have institutions that do this and these people need to be helped through these institutions.”

“THE DIFFERED LIFE STANDARD MAY BE THE REASON”

Dr. Kemal Er stating that people can make such decisions when the standard of living suddenly deteriorates, added:

"There may be a suicidal situation in relation to living standards. It is not so much for people to commit suicide because they are already accustomed to these conditions which are already living in poverty and certain troubles. Those who are unable to pay, who have to constantly discuss with the landlord, who are in a state of hunger are not accustomed to such a situation, and those who cannot overcome this situation may have to make such decisions because of excessive pressure, but there is a situation that needs to be underlined. a person, especially the person carrying all the responsibility of the family cannot withstand these pressures, as a result of such a way cannot find a way out.”

WE CANNOT NAME IT AS INSANITY

“We cannot evaluate the events as insanity because there is a planning here” – with this words Er evaluated last events and continued:

“Is there a crime here? Is there a murder? It should be investigated in detail. There is a case in which a person allegedly decides this, poisoning others with cyanide and then committing suicide. However, in order to define this as a murder and to define it as a deliberate murder, the psychological dimension of the event should be evaluated. In other words, the incident should be examined in detail, we do not have enough information, documents at the moment. It cannot be described as insanity. Because, as we have seen in the case of insanity, a person can kill his closest relatives with a gun because of psychological pressure at that moment. We can't talk about a sudden incident here, because apparently there is a killing with cyanide. It is very obvious in this case that the person is investigating this. In other

words, he has researched this cyanide, researched where to find it, could not get out of the planned work and it is understood that he realized it with this decision.”

Award to Volkan Budak from the film festival

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School Head of Department of Audio-Visual Techniques and Media Production Lect. Volkan Budak's film “Missing” returned from the 20th International Izmir Short Film Festival with the “Golden Cat” award.

The winners of this year's 20th International Izmir Short Film Festival were announced. As a result of the evaluation made by the jury members, the National Fiction Category was awarded the best cinematography award to Director of Photography Serdar Güven and Director Volkan Budak for the “Missing” short film.

“Missing”, which is about the efforts of a child living with his mother in the village to comprehend the deficiencies in his life from the framework of life and death, was taken with the production support of the Ministry of Culture, General Directorate of Cinema. During the project phase, it also received the Post Production award from Antalya Film Forum Short Film Work in Progress Platform Projects Award, TRT award, Cinema Here Film Festival. The premiere was held at the 30th Ankara International Film Festival Turkey.

Turkish terms will be produced

Turkish terms will be produced in order to be used instead of foreign language origin terms within the scope of ‘Turkish Language in the New Communication Media: Current Problems and Term Suggestion Workshop’.

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) will host ‘Turkish Language in the New Communication Media: Current Problems and Term Suggestion Workshop’ with the cooperation of Turkish Language Association (TDK) and with the contributions of Istanbul Okan University and Turkish Informatics Association. At the end of the workshop, determinations related to the current concept problems of different fields will be revealed and Turkish term suggestions which can be used instead of foreign language origin terms will be presented.

“TERMS FROM WESTERN LANGUAGES CREATE CONCEPT COMPLEX”

IGU Asst. Prof. Dr. Deniz Akçay from the Department of New Media said that with the development of communication technologies, both new concepts in traditional fields and new research and study fields emerged.

Akçay said: “At this point, terms from Western languages are used. This can lead to confusion of meaning, accidents of meaning and difficulties of expression in introducing these areas to other segments of society.”

“WE WILL BRAIN STORM FOR TURKISH WORDS”

IGU Head of the Department of Turkish Language and Literature Asst. Prof. Dr. Pelin Ekşi, stating that they would brainstorm to produce Turkish words, said as follows:

“The workshop, which is organized in cooperation with Istanbul Gelisim University the Department of New Media, the Department of Turkish Language and Literature, Istanbul Okan University the Department of Public Relations and Advertising, and Turkish Language Association, aims to make Turkish word suggestions for the terms of the disciplines and professions that use new communication media. Workshop areas were identified as “Industry 4.0 and Artificial Intelligence”, “Society 5.0”, “Digital Reputation”, “Digital Media” and “Cyber Security”. We will discuss the basic conceptual problems and brainstorm these concepts to produce Turkish ones of the major terms that our language that do not have any equivalent.”

Okan University Head of the Department of Public Relations and Advertising N. Hanzade Uralman, one of the coordinators of the workshop, stated:

“In the workshop, many important people in the field such as Head of TDK Gürer Gülsevin, TDK Director OF Scientific Studies Exp. İrem Işıl Altun, TDK Member of Science Committee Prof. Dr. Ayşe İlker, TDK Member of Science Committee and TDK Member of Current Turkish Dictionary Branch Prof. Dr. Ahmet Günşen will work as language consultants in the working groups.”

The workshop will be held at the campus Avclar Gelisim Tower of Istanbul Gelisim University on December 3, 2019.

Cooperation between İŞKUR and IGU for the students

Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) and Istanbul Gelisim University signed a cooperation protocol. Within the scope of the protocol, the aim is to increase of the students' professional experiences, and to improve their theoretical information through practice.

A cooperation protocol was signed between İŞKUR and Istanbul Gelisim University in order to provide information to the students from İŞKUR Job and Vocational Counselors on issues such as labor market, corporate activities, job search skills, interview with employer, interview techniques and writing curriculum vitae. Vice Directors of Provincial Directorate of Labor and Employment Institutions in Istanbul Serkan Özmen and Günay Bölükoğlu and the committee, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Rector Prof. Dr. Burhan Aykaç and IGU Director of Career Development Center (KAGEM) Fırat Demirkol attended the signature ceremony at the Rectorate of Istanbul Gelisim University.

At the İŞKUR Contact Point to be established within the university, the aim is to help students to benefit from active labor services such as On-the-Job Training Program and Entrepreneurship Training Program aiming to increase their professional experience, develop their theoretical knowledge through practice, and establish and develop their own businesses.

“WE AIM TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE LABOR MARKET”

Vice Director of Provincial Directorate of Labor and Employment Institution in Istanbul Serkan Özmen, stating the importance of their cooperation with universities, said that we aim to increase efficiency in universities and to ensure that university students step in the labor market after graduation.

IGU Rector Prof. Dr. Burhan Aykaç stated that IGU Career Development Center (KADEM) and Turkish Employment Agency İŞKUR contact points will work coordinately and said “We will provide career guidance to our students and get them into the business life.”

IGU Director of KADEM Fırat Demirkol stated that they will support their students in the process of job searching and business life, and emphasized on the huge contribution of the protocol on their students and alumni.

Berk Akgüneş nominated as the winner of Social Sustainability Award

The 'Design the Sustainable Future' competition organized by Rönesans Holding for the fifth time this year was concluded. Approximately 650 students from 35 universities across Turkey participated in the contest. Student of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Berk Akgüneş, nominated as the winner of the Social Sustainability Award. Projects of 15 students in 10 branches were awarded, in the competition.

“Design a Sustainable Future” is a student opinion contest where land, natural resources are used in the most appropriate way, social life is based, mixed-use urban structures are developed and the principles of sustainability are developed. With the motto “The Future Begins Here”, the competition, which encourages students to develop projects on the concept of sustainability, aims to bring together different disciplines.

Under the main theme of the competition as "Green Building and Sustainability" the topic was determined as "Urban Interaction Center". Within the framework of this main theme, mixed projects developed in terms of architecture, engineering and social aspects were evaluated.

The winners of the projects evaluated in terms of different criteria such as sustainability, recycling, energy efficiency, urban development, innovative idea and detail solution, advanced production and waste management, visual design and social sustainability, are offered an internship and job interview at Rönesans Holding as well as the monetary award.

IGUSEM visited IGUTÖMER

Istanbul Gelisim University Continuous Education Application and Research Center (IGUSEM) Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Fatih Fuat Tuncer and Vice Director Asst. Prof. Dr. Hakan Yıldırım visited Asst. Prof. Dr. Metin Yıldırım, appointed as Director of Istanbul Gelisim University Turkish and Foreign Languages Application and Research Center (IGUTÖMER) and wished him good luck.

During the visit, IGUSEM Director Dr. Fatih Fuat Tuncer wished Dr. Metin Yıldırım good luck for his new position and stated that IGUSEM would like to do many joint projects with IGUTÖMER.

Vice Director of IGUSEM Hakan Yıldırım recalled that Dr. Metin Yıldırım has an experience of senior management in important companies in the private sector, he said that he believes that IGUTÖMER will achieve greater successes from now on.

Director of IGUTÖMER Dr. Metin Yıldırım, expressing his appreciation for the visit, said: “I believe that we will create great works with the projects we will develop together. Centers like TÖMER which provides Turkish language course to the international students within the universities in Turkey has a critical importance for Turkey's public diplomacy. We do not only teach students a language, we also have the chance to introduce them to the culture and hospitality of our country. When students return to their countries, they become volunteer ambassadors of our country. Our students will leave the country with the vision which enhances and improves the relations between their own countries and Turkey. This means a new and powerful tool for the diplomatic power of our country. We will work with this consciousness in our center.”

‘Masked depression’ in children is not noticed

Psychiatrist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevcan Karakoç Demirkaya stating that it is difficult to understand the ‘masked depression’ used for people who seem happy, smiling but suffering inside, said: “Young people appear to have fun and often wander with a smile on their faces. Therefore, families cannot recognize the ‘masked depression’ of their children.”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevcan Karakoç Demirkaya said: “Masked depression is not easy to understand. These young people appear to have fun and wander with a smile on their faces. Therefore, families cannot recognize the depression in their children. Those with masked depression usually say, that ‘under the smile my heart bleeds’.”

Stating that masked depression is also called smiling depression or hidden depression Psychiatrist from Istanbul Gelisim University Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevcan Karakoç Demirkaya added: “Everybody recognizes the typical unhappy, depressed, unwilling and depressed depression. But masked depression is not easy to understand. Those with masked depression say, ‘under the smile my heart bleeds’. Falling in course success, various unrelated pains, gastrointestinal problems, skin problems, chronic fatigue, sleep problems, smoking and alcohol use are actually the masks of underlying depression.”

“FAMILIES DO NOT DIFFER THE DEPRESSION IN CHILDREN”

Noting that young people in masked depression seem having fun and wandering around with a smile on their faces Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevcan Karakoç Demirkaya said: “Therefore, families cannot notice the depression in their children. Even if young people are depressed, “denial” and “somatization” are the most common defense mechanisms. Decrease in school success, school refusal, escaping from home, eating disorders or alcohol-smoking, continuous irritability may be symptoms of depression in adolescents.”

“SEEN IN CHILDREN OF NARSIST PARENTS”

Emphasizing that families can blame their children for ‘spoiled-adolescence crisis-weakness’ Assoc. Prof. Dr. Demirkaya said: “Masked depression is commonly seen in children of parents with perfectionist and narcissistic features. We don't always have to be ‘strong’ including adults, we can take off masks and look for help. Let us not forget that differences in behavior in our child may also be a sign of depression. Approaches such as ‘Do you really worry about that?’ or ‘There is nothing to worry about’ force our child to look fakely strong and push the underlying depression to mask. Depression is a curable disease, not weakness.”