

There is no honour in violence

"The fact sheet "Government initiatives to help girls at risk in patriarchal families" (February 2002) was presented shortly after the murder of Fadime Sahindal in January 2002. Anna Jacobson, a representative at the Ministry of Justice who worked with this issue, says that it was difficult to formulate the problem. In the 2002 fact sheet the issues was described as:

A lot of women and girls live an everyday life characterized by a lack of freedom, coercion, threat of violence. Men's violence against women constitutes the most extreme evidence of the imbalance in the power relationship between women and men, i.e. men's superiority and women's subordination. In addition to this fundamental cause of violence against women, there is a further dimension – girls and women in strongly patriarchal families living under threat or coercion. At the same time they stand totally alone without any support, since the closest family or relatives actively or passively support the lack of freedom, the threats and the violence."

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