

SPEECH OF İZMİR WOMEN CLOSED PRISON'S ADMINISTRATOR ÜMRAN YAVUZYILMAZ

Dear Guests,

Welcome to İzmir Women Closed Prison. It's a pleasure for us to welcome you and be here with you.

First I would like to mention the execution system in Turkey briefly. All of the prisons in Turkey is managed by General Directorate of Prisons and Detention Houses dependent on Ministry of Justice. Inmates are brought to prison by police with the refer of public presecutor, they are under the law 5275 which sets execution rules.

İzmir Women Closed Prison is 80 km away from the city center. Our institution is one of 7 prisons that is located in Prison Campus. Moreover there's an open prison, a juvenile closed prison and 4 men closed prison at the campus. Our institution opened in 08.02.2102. The purpose of our institution is to encourage inmates to be socialized, to be productive, respectful to society end law, to gain sense of responsibility and help them to have a profession.

At 31.590 m2 field, our institution is based on a single block and is separated as a high and medium security. While forensic inmates remain in the medium-security section, terrorist inmates and convicted of aggravated life inmates remain in the high security section. The capacity of İzmir Women Closed Prison is 600. There are 40 wards for single staying, 2 wards for 3 inmates staying, 8 wards for 11 inmates staying in high-security sanction, and there are wards 11 inmates staying that 353 inmates can stay in medium-security sanction. Each ward consist 11 single rooms in it. There is a bed and wardrobe in each room. Inmates can buy tv, fridge etc from institution canteen. In wards there are common sinks(2 wc and 4 sinks) and bathroom(3 bathroom cabinats).

140 guardians work in the prison. Psychosocial service and educational service interview with the inmates who come to the prison to determine educational and psychosocial situations and needs. And according to the needs and wishes of inmates, they are directed to educational and psychosocial programmes.

Educational activities are organized according to the legislation that is determined by Ministry of Justice and according to the protocol signed with the Ministry of National Education. There are teachers that work full time for our institution, they organizes educational programmes etc. Vocational training courses are planned according to the needs of inmates. These courses are taught by teachers who are being employed by Public Training Center which works under Ministry of National Education. There are basic training courses (reading and writing), education courses for preparation to open schools, university etc., vocational training courses(hairdressing, guitar, tailor, sewing, painting, theater and drama, jewelery making, leather etc). As the procedure inmates' registration, exams are being done at prison by the teachers work for our institution so at the end of the tarinings they can get certificates. Inmates aren't paid for these courses. I'd like to inform you about education possibilities in our institution:

EDUCATION POSSIBILITIES IN İZMİR WOMEN CLOSED PRISON

BASIC TRAINING COURSES :

Inmates learn reading and writing. 172 prisoners were given literacy training. 49 prisoners received certificate.

OPEN SCHOOLS(SECONDARY SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY):

Registration, exams, registration renewal, upgrading notes etc. of the inmates who go to open schools are carried out. There are 22 active students and 3 irregular students in the open secondary school. There are 28 active students and 11 irregular students in the open high school. Also there are 12 students and 8 irregular students in open university. 9 students continues university by distance learning. The student who maintain these educations benefit from training areas to study from lesson CD. Preparation lessons to these schools are given by teachers that are employed by the Public Training Center.

CENTRAL SYSTEM EXAMS :

There is possibility to enter central system exams (university entrance exam, high school entrance exam, civil servant entrance exam, foreign language exam) in our institution. Exams, registration, participation procedures of 26 students are carried out. The inmates have a right to registrate in open university according to the exam results.

RELIGION and MORAL DEVELOPMENTS :

The religious culture and moral knowledge are carried out in cooperation with District Presidency of Religious Affairs that Works under Prime Ministry. Religion and moral education is carried out by mufti(religious man)that works for Presidency of Religious Affairs in a way of talking to inmates about religion issues in their wards and Quran training course has been carried on.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES :

There are 2059 editions in our institutions' library. 20593 books had been barrowed by inmates from our library. Book donation campaigns are organized periodically and increase in the number of books is intended.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES:

The courses are being carried out in cooperation with District Directorate of National Education, Public Training Center and İzmir District Turkish Employment Agency . All of the course teachers are employed by Public Training Center. 2474 inmates joined to these courses and 756 successful inmates took certificate. The inmates can participate in both the morning and afternoon two different kind of course. The aim of opening these course is to ensure good use of time, to prepare them for social life, to gain an income, to gain occupational skills.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

CONFERENCES : Conferences are organized that are appointed by the General Directorate of Prisons for inmates and staff.

DISCUSSION ON A TOPIC : The discussions on a topic has been done in case of groups once a month. The books has been gifted to the participating inmates by institution management.

INFORMATION COMPETITION : The information competition are organized with elimination method in case of groups. The books are gifted to the winners of the contest (first, second, third).

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE and CEREMONY :

- 23 April National Sovereignty and Children's Day
- Mother's Day
- 19 May Youth and Sports Day
- 30 August The Feast of Victory
- 10 NOVEMBER Mustafa Kemal Atatürk Commemoration Ceremony
- Teachers Day
- International Women's Day
- Çanakkale Sea Voyage
- Valentine's Day
- 29 October Republic Day
- Distribution of Micro-credit Checks
- Turkish National Anthem
- Henna Night

Activities are carried out by management decisions. The participation of inmates to activities has been aimed. The activities are carried out within programs prepared by the institution teachers.

THEATER :

The sketches that inmates take a rol are carried out. The presentation were exhibited in cooperation with private theater groups, municipalities, universities, schools connected with Ministry of National Education.

CONCERTS:

Local artists are being invited in special days and weeks.

FILM PRESENTATION and CENTRAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM:

Film presentation is done by using computer and projection 2 days a week in the education areas. At least one documentary and cinema broadcasting is done by central broadcasting system every day of the week.

SPORT ACTIVITIES :

The inmates goes to closed sport hall in company with the staff in scheduled date and time. Organized tournaments and other daily sporting activities are always carried out. The sports activities (volleyball, basketball, badminton, gymnastics) are carried out by physical education teachers employed by Public Training Center.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES:

Psychologist and social work full time in our institution. Both they make individual interventions and implement some education programmes such as; anger management, family education, substance abuse programme, suicide programme etc. for inmates and prison staff.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST...

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