

Vážený minister
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Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights
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Dear Minister,

Let me express our concern about the case of Paraskevi Kokoni, a 35- year-old Roma woman who was beaten while shopping with her mentally disabled nephew by a group of men in a racist attack in August 2012.

Amnesty International has acknowledged that three men were charged with serious bodily harm for the attack against Paraskevi Kokoni in November 2013. Although the men responsible for the vicious racist attack on Paraskevi Kokoni and her nephew have been convicted in November, it's still not clear if the racist motive for the crime has been legally recognised.

I call on you to ensure that:

- The police ends their frequent failure to examine the racist motives of crimes;
- The prosecutors present evidence of racist motives in court, which will contribute to a real change for all victims of hate crimes in Greece.

Thank you for your attention regarding this important case.

With kind regards,