

**Från:** Sebastian Scheiman

**Skickat:** den 12 november 2021 17:35

**Till:** Christofer Edling <christofer.edling@soc.lu.se>

**Ämne:** Regarding the investigations concerning Umut Ozkirimli and Pinar Dinc and current issues

Christofer,

Please find letter attached.

Best regards,

Sebastian Scheiman

Advokat

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The complaint letter and the annexes submitted to Lund University on 22 March 2018 (and thereafter) by Pinar Dinc have not been shared with to Umut Ozkirimli during and after the “psycho-social investigation” process.

Umut Ozkirimli requested that the psycho-social investigation be kept confidential on 9 April 2018 (see **Annex 1, p. 6**) in accordance with relevant Lund University regulations, above all the support material for managers titled "[Handling and investigating cases of harassment and sexual harassment](#)" (dated 15 November 2016, last updated on 2 January 2017, in particular the section on Document Registration and Confidentiality on p. 5). This request has not been respected.

Umut Ozkirimli requested the same documents on 6 June 2018 (see **Annex 1, p. 15**), i.e. after the investigation was concluded and a reprimand was communicated to him. He was sent 13 pages of documents, which included 3 pages of private conversations between him and Pinar Dinc.

In October 2018, Umut Ozkirimli's legal representative Olof Bexell sent a legal request for the relevant material to be immediately sent to him. Her received the same 13 pages (**See Annex 2**). He noticed that some pages were missing in the documents and requested these again. He never heard from the university again. In his letters, Olof Bexell pointed to the multiple breaches of conduct by Lund University and noted that Umut Ozkirimli does not accept the reprimand provided by the Faculty (**See Annex 3**).

On 27 November 2021, Umut Ozkirimli's current legal representative Sebastian Scheiman sent an email to Andréa Björk asking whether the evidence provided by Pinar Dinc in 2018 included 86 pages of correspondence between her and Umut Ozkirimli. The exact wording is: " 86 sidor med kopior av kommunikation mellan henne själv och Umut Özirimli, förmodligen utskrifter från Messenger och WhatsApp?" Andréa Björk replied on 28 November 2021 and said that there were none. (**See Annex 4**).

This query was prompted by the publication of these private conversations on Turkey's largest news platform (with 1,7 million followers on Twitter) to slander Umut Ozkirimli. The website claimed that these conversations were provided to the university in 2018, hence were part of the public domain. Based on Andréa Björk's reply, Umut Ozkirimli sent a legal disclaimer to the website through his legal representative in Turkey.

On 8 November 2021, we found out that 96 pages were submitted to Lund University in 2018 and 49 pages in 2019 - that Andréa Björk's email was not correct (**See Annex 4**). Due to this misleading information, Umut Ozkirimli and his legal representative are now exposed to litigation in Turkey.

In sum, Pinar Dinc submitted 145 pages of evidence to Lund University in 2018 and 2019 respectively, and Umut Ozkirimli has seen these documents only on 8 November 2021, i.e. 3,5 years after the original investigation. This is an outrageous and totally unacceptable breach of the university's responsibilities towards a former employee. It is also causing a disproportionate amount of harm as these documents are now used for slander in Turkey - and this, despite a criminal court decision which found Pinar Dinc guilty of "gross defamation" and "defamation" on 7 counts out of 11 on 13 October 2021 and placed her under probation.

Under these circumstances, we request the Faculty of Social Sciences to provide us an official letter which states unequivocally that:

- Umut Ozkirimli has never been provided with the full set of evidence against him - including the private conversations that are currently being used to slander him.
- The Faculty did not provide this material to Umut Ozkirimli's former legal representative Olof Bexell in October 2018 despite an official legal request.
- The Faculty provided misleading information to Umut Ozkirimli's current legal representative Sebastian Scheiman on 28 October 2021.
- The original file which consists of 96 pages was submitted to Sebastian Scheiman only on 8 November 2021.