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One should only be right half the time

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Asylum seeker

In the exhibition we are opening on Wednesday, entitled "Forgotten Nordics: Ethnic Diversity and National Narratives", there is a photo of a young girl denied asylum in Norway in 2013. She was sent back to Iran, where she was killed.

I can only imagine what it is like, to be an asylum seeker, desperately and repeatedly asking to please be allowed to become part of a society you have only been able to experience in measured doses but you know is so much better than whence you came or any where else you might possibly go.

The two artists who took her photo and turned it into a graphic print were Norwegian. I suppose it was there way of dealing with the culpability, the guilt, of denying this poor girl her basic right to a life of freedom, expression, love, and hope for a future.



Posted by Lissy at 11.1.16

2 comments:

Vilhjalmur@mailme.dk said...

Dear Elisabeth,
when I read about the Iranian girl who was stoned after she was denied asylum in Norway, I tried very hard to remember such an event. I googled, and found nothing. I contacted the Norwegian Utlendingsdirektoratet (Immigration Authority) and sent them your blog entry. Their Press office responded to my inquiry in this manner:

«Hei,
Jeg har tatt dette opp med de som jobber med Iransaker i UDI, og dette er ukjent for dem. Jeg regner med at dersom ambassaden eller Landinfo hadde blitt kjent med en slik sak ville vi definitivt fått høre om det.

Det er vanskelig å finne etterrettelig informasjon om når den siste offentlig kjente steiningen fant sted i Iran. I et notat fra vår ambassaden i Teheran fra juni 2013, i forbindelse med at den nye straffeloven trådte i kraft opplyste ambassaden følgende:

Steining har etter det ambassaden kjenner til ikke vært praktisert siden 2009, og

ABOUT ME

Lissy

I am a half-Icelandic, half-American who tried to move to Iceland and failed miserably, and I need a way to talk about how depressing that is. I am also an "interdisciplinary scholar", partially literary and partially archaeological, which puts me a bit on the outside there too. But then I've never been good at in-grouping.

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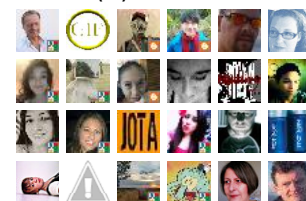
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med ordlyden i den nye loven virker det med andre ord lite trolig at domstolen vil kunne dømme noen til døden ved steining. Det er ingen referanse til steining i loven. Utroskap mellom to gifte parter gir istedenfor dødsstraff ved henging.

Det finnes for øvrig bilder på nettet fra demoer utenfor Iran hvor man har «iscenesatt» en steining hvor en kvinne er begravet opp til brystet, se f eks link under. «Kunstverket» kan også være basert på en slik hendelse - uten at vi har sett det aktuelle kunstverket.
<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/12/10/iranian-woman-to-be-stoned-to-death-as-rest-world-marks-un-human-rights-day.html#.VpO2JEin3N8.email>
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Could you please clarify to your readers who the two Norwegian photographs are and what is the name of the Iranian girl who was stoned?

All the best
 Vilhjálmur Örn Vilhjálmsón Ph.D. (Icelandic national located in Denmark)
 At present working as a consultant for the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem

January 11, 2016 at 9:18 PM

Lissy said...

The two artists are Helga Bu and Havard Vikhagen and here is a picture of the child denied asylum. I do not know the name and I would be glad to amend the text of my blog if more details are forthcoming. The curator of the exhibition said it was a very well known case in Norway.

January 11, 2016 at 10:37 PM

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