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The Bylock fallacy: An in-depth analysis of the Bylock investigations in Turkey

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**Comments from the editors and reviewers:**

**This paper probably requires a contributor to help craft this into a suitable academic article for this journal.**

**-Reviewer 1**

- The subject matter is very important, as well as interesting from a cyber-forensic perspective. However, the material is presented in a manner that lacks sufficient rigour and objectivity expected of a piece in an academic journal. The author also needs to present the legal framework in a more comprehensive and clear manner, to aid comprehension. While the sense of injustice is conveyed, the language and structure of the piece undermines the piece as a whole. Finally, the author will need to take into account the European Court of Human Rights decision in *Mehmet Hasan Altan v Turkey* (20 March 2018) and the recent decision of the 16th Penal Chamber of the Court of Cassation of 30 March 2018.

Dear Eoghan,

I very much appreciate the comments on my paper. I have benefitted from them as much as possible. I have made the necessary changes in the article and, for your easy reference, marked the inclusions in red and deletions with strike-throughs.

In order to strengthen the structure, to render the language free of bias, and to facilitate the comprehension of the legal framework, I deleted the judgmental and emotional words, incorporated opposing views (particularly those of the High Courts), restructured the paragraphs and placed the full text of the cited articles along with to-the-point explanations.

I have included a number of decisions of the 16<sup>th</sup> Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation including the one pronounced on 30 March 2018. On the other hand, I respectfully do not agree with the reviewer's comment that I should refer the ECHR decision in Mehmet Altan case since it pertains to the freedom of expression and has nothing to do with the Bylock issue. Besides, Bylock is not a finding which constitutes a basis for Altan's arrest or conviction.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to perfect my article.

I am ready to make further changes and tweaks which you may deem necessary to conform the work to the high standards of your journal.

Best.

Yasir

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