

Fadime

Two months before her death 26-year-old Fadime Sahindal spoke at the Swedish Parliament. She talked about her life as an outcast, persecuted, beaten and constantly threatened to death.

Fadime became a front person against the oppression of honor and told us how some authorities did not take her fears seriously. As a child she had come with her family from Turkish Kurdistan. She was torn between two cultures, was a student and studied social work in Sundsvall and Östersund, to get away from her family.

The threats intensified when it became known that Fadime had a Swedish boyfriend, Patrick. He died when his car for unknown reasons left the road on the very day they would have moved in together. In January 2002, on her way to an internship in Africa, she managed to arrange a secret meeting with her mother and sister in Uppsala. In the darkness outside the door her father was waiting and fired a gun at Fadime.

Fadime's death shook Sweden. Uppsala Cathedral was packed and adorned with thousands of white carnations, the Crown Princess, ministers and other community representatives honoring Fadime at her funeral, which was attended by a large media posse.

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