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"Firstly, I would like to draw the attention here: All of us are familiar with the notion "rule of law", in Turkish "hukuk devleti" or "hukukun üstünlüğü". It is one of the most essential requirements of a constitutional state. Well, if you ask "what are the requirements for 'rule of law'?", we can say checks & balances, separation of powers, supremacy of the constitution, legal security, so on and so forth. Today, I am going to show you the caricatures about some of those crucial notions. So this time, I will take you away from "rule of law" to "caricature of law", but still be in a relation between those two. I mean, this time I will not only be using my jurist ID card, but also my caricaturist ID card.

Before all, I would like to introduce myself to you. I'm a law student like all of you and in my 3rd term right now. I've been drawing caricatures since the age of 11, thus this is my 9th year in caricatures. I've started drawing caricatures with a comic book called "Bad Cat Cannibal" and published it when I was 15. After 2 years from this, I've published another book called "Life is Good When You Draw" which contains my caricatures between 2007 and 2011. In 2012, I've founded Koç University Caricature and Comic Book Club and am the president right now. I'm drawing mostly about daily issues, politics and law.

Well, why caricatures then? How and when did I start to harmonize my major "law" and my hobby "drawing caricatures"? Firstly, I would like to take your attention to 25th and 26th articles of Turkish constitution. Most of us are familiar with these articles.

- Article 25/1: *Everyone has the freedom of thought and opinion.*
- Article 26/1: *Everyone has the right to express and disseminate his/her thoughts and opinions by speech, in writing or in pictures or through other media, individually or collectively.*

What is more here, is article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

- ECHR, Article 10/1: *Everyone has the right to freedom of expression.*

There is a common point between all: They ensure two of the most significant fundamental rights and freedoms. Let's look at article 26: "or in pictures". This part is a crucial one. I am drawing caricatures, it is a way of expression, I am a law student. Well, then I asked myself: What are you waiting for? Take the pencil, and express yourself freely by drawing caricatures. Actually, those questions started to occur in my mind after starting the law school. But before, I was not aware of that the freedom of expression, thought and opinion were not ensured by law.

Well, let's look at the caricatures. But firstly, I would like to draw your attention to "rule of law" and want you to think about the principles of "rule of law" one more time while analysing the caricatures. "Right to fair trial" is basically seen in the articles 36, 37 and 38 of the Turkish constitution.

“Presumption of innocence”, article 38, paragraph 4 of the Turkish Constitution. One of the most crucial principles of legal security. Accordingly; “No one shall be considered guilty until proven guilty in a court of law”.

Well, if civil peace is ensured in a country, the global peace can be ensured more easily. Therefore, the principles of “rule of law” should be taken into consideration by all governments. Peace should be preserved both internally and externally in a state. That is the only way for the state from being a "failed state".

What can we do here as the future lawyers or judges, is defending justice despite all the impediments. Defending the principles of “rule of law”, defending the public interest to the interests of a certain group, and never making concessions in this way. "