



NEWS REPORT

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Title: School Prayer
Country: Germany
Context
Issue at stake: A Muslim wished to pray publicly in a school during breaks
Ground of discrimination: Religion
Source: Federal Administrative Court, 6 C 20.10, 30 November 2011
Field: Education
Legislative provisions: Art. 4 Basic Law

Content

Case/law/political development: The case concerned a Muslim who wished to pray publicly in a school in Berlin during breaks. The head master prohibited this to protect the peace of the school.

Decision of the Court: After conflicting decisions by lower instances, the Federal Administrative Court upheld the interdiction holding that it does not violate freedom of religion. It balanced freedom of religion and the preservation of the peace in the school. It argued that this case was of a singular nature, taking into consideration the particular situation of the school where religious conflicts were the consequence of the prayer of the pupil.

Internet link source and additional information:
bundesverwaltungsgerichts.de