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## PRESS RELEASE

This is to announce to the public that

On November 9, 2002, it has been stated at the portal named Haberturk which broadcasts through Internet that, an investigation has been initiated following the inspection made by the inspectors of the Ministry of the Interior regarding the period which Kemal Unakıtan, the Minister of Finance, was on duty at Family Finance Institution as Board member, that the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency has made a notice of offense against Kemal Unakıtan for opposing to the Banks' Act and that inspections on 9 separate crimes have been conducted by the Office of Public Prosecution of Beyoglu, 5 of which based on the Turkish Penal Code and 4 on Banks' Act.

Making the following announcements on the issue have been deemed indispensable for informing the public.

A team comprised of Inspectors of Ministry of Internal Affairs and a sworn bank auditor has carried out the inspection stated in the afore-mentioned news and the team in question has made a notice of offense to the Office of Public Prosecution of Beyoglu. On the other hand, due to the fact that carrying out a legal prosecution regarding the Banks Act is subject to our Agency's written application to be made to the Office of Public Prosecution according to Article 24 of the Banks Act Nr. 4389, the issue has been transferred to our Agency in order to be examined from the point of view of Banks Act. The inspections of sworn bank auditors concerning the issue have been still continuing, and there is no notice of offense made by our Agency. **Hence, the comments claiming that our Agency has made a notice of offense about Kemal Unakıtan do not reflect the truth.**