

# Kaya's arranger claims Adele copied refrain of song

Osman İşmen, the music arranger for the late Kurdish protest singer Ahmet Kaya, has claimed that famous British singer Adele copied the refrain of a Kaya song in her latest album, "25."

Adele's song "Million Years Ago" drew the attention of social media users with its similarity to one of Kaya's well-known songs, "Acılara tutunmak" (Holding onto pain). The similarities caused a stir among social media users who

have since debated whether the melody of the song was copied or not.

Speaking during a program on the TRT FM radio station, İşmen said: "When Ahmet Kaya decided to make an album, he would come to me with a song. We would start studio recording immediately, making the arrangement of the song. That's how we prepared the song titled 'Acılara tutunmak.' ... When it comes to

the technical issues, the refrain of Ahmet's song is copied in the A section of Adele's song. I have been an expert in court for years. If somebody asked me about this song, I would say that refrain of this song is used as part A of [Adele's] song as it is, and I would stand behind my word. ... This incident requires legal proceedings. Since the singer isn't alive today, his heirs can file a claim in an international court. It would

be a huge scandal if Adele was proven to have used [a part of] the song without permission."

According to the Vatan daily's report on Monday, Kaya's daughter Melis Kaya said there is a melodic resemblance between the two songs. "Music experts and lawyers are looking into the issue. We can't accuse anyone of plagiarism yet, It wouldn't be fair," she added. **Istanbul** Today's Zaman