



Gizem Girişmen

Gizem Girişmen was born on 25th of November 1981 in Ankara. She had a spinal cord injury at T5 level after a car accident the summer she finished primary school. She started practicing archery in September 2004. Gizem became Paralympic Champion at 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games by winning a gold medal at Recurve ARW2 event. She is the first Turkish female athlete to have a gold medal at Paralympic Games. Within the year 2008, she had nominated as “The Sportsperson of the Year” by several organizations and foundations. Following her success in Paralympic Games, she succeeds to have “World Champion” title at 2009 Para-Archery World Championships in Czech Republic. At the same World Championships, Gizem is one the members of the Turkish Recurve Team that won bronze medal. She has been nominated as “Athlete of the Month” by International Paralympic Committee in August 2009. She is the first Turkish athlete to have nominated for Laureus World Sports Awards in 2010. Gizem had 1st place at IPC World Archery Ranking List between 2007 and 2010. In addition to her sportive career, she is also working at Ministry of Environment and Urbanization and continues her education at Middle East Technical University Social Policy master program. She is the member of IPC Athlete’s Council and the chairperson of Turkish National Paralympic Committee Athlete’s Council.