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Further information on EXTRA 31/97 (EUR 44/16/97, 7 March 1997) - Fear of torture
/ Health concern

TURKEYRecep Mara_1_, publisher
Nuran Mara_1_ (f)
Levent Bakanay

Recep Mara_1_ and his wife Nuran Mara_1_ were taken before the judge on 12 March 1997. Recep Mara_1_ was committed to prison, as there had been an arrest warrant in force for him in connection with his publications and writings, while Nuran Mara_1_ was released. Neither had been ill-treated and they thanked all Urgent Action participants for their support and protection in the many appeals sent.

Recep Mara_1_ has permanent and serious health problems as a consequence of the torture he suffered in prison between 1982 and 1991. He is said to have difficulty in walking and in keeping balance and to need constant medical care and treatment.

According to an unconfirmed report, Levent Bakanay had been released earlier.

No further action from the UA network is required at this stage.