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Further Information on UA 263/08 (MDE 13/139/2008, 17 September 2008) and follow-up (EUR 44/017/2008, 1 October 2008) - <u>Forcible return</u>

TURKEY24 Uzbekistani nationals, including 15 children
Another Uzbekistani man

All but one of the Uzbekistani refugees were picked up **by law enforcement officials** at the places where they were staying in Van on the evening of 11 October, and deported to Iran **along with another family of three**. They are now in hiding.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Amnesty International will monitor the situation and take further campaigning action as necessary.