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Further information on EXTRA 13/93 (EUR 44/10/93, 11 February 1993) - Fear of Torture

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Güler Çelik (female), correspondent for Özgür Halk magazine

On 23 February 1993, Güler Çelik was taken before the prosecutor at Istanbul State Security Court to whom she made a complaint of torture. She was released later that day.

Güler Çelik, a 32-year-old correspondent for the political magazine Özgür Halk, had been detained on 8 February and was interrogated at the Anti-Terror Branch of Istanbul Police Headquarters. She was not permitted to see her lawyer until after her interrogation which lasted eight days.

The interrogators claimed that she had links with the illegal armed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK). Between interrogation sessions she was held in a cell measuring 2m x 1.5m. She alleges that while she was being interrogated she was stripped to her underwear by force in addition to being insulted, hit and having her hair pulled; that her feet were strapped to a device she could not see because of the blindfold and that the soles of her feet were beaten; that her arms were strapped to a crucifix-like apparatus and hoisted off the ground; that while she was suspended she was given electric shocks to her fingers and toes, apparently with a hand-held magneto; that she was hosed with ice-cold water; that she was constantly subjected to sexual assault; and that she was interrogated under such torture three times during the first week of her detention. Güler Çelik reported that there was extensive bruising on her arms which largely disappeared during the second week of her detention.

The other eight people named above are no longer being held in detention but it is not known whether they have been released or committed to prison. Amnesty International is waiting for further information about them and will inform the Urgent Action Network as soon as this becomes available.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telexes/faxes/express and airmail

letters either in English or your own language:

- expressing concern about the alleged torture of Güler Çelik while detained at Istanbul Police Headquarters between 8 and 23 February;
- urging that a prompt and full investigation is carried out into her complaint of torture submitted to the prosecutor at Istanbul State Security Court;
- requesting to be informed of its findings.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 23 April 1993.