

21 April 1995

Further information on UA 82/86 (EUR 44/48/86, 30 March 1986) - Fear of "disappearance"

**TURKEY** Hasan Ocak, aged 30

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The alleged detention of Hasan Ocak on 21 March 1995 in the Aksaray district of Istanbul has still not been acknowledged by the authorities.

Amnesty International has received further information suggesting that Hasan Ocak is being held in police custody. Erdo\_an Ocak, Hasan Ocak's father, told the newspaper *Cumhuriyet* (Republic) that prisoners in Sa\_malc\_Jar prison had seen Hasan Ocak while they were being interrogated. One of the prisoners stated that he saw Hasan Ocak in the basement of the new building of the police headquarters on Vatan Street in Istanbul. Another prisoner stated that he noticed Hasan Ocak's name listed at the Anti-Terror Branch of the Police Headquarters. Similar information has been given by other witnesses whose names are known to Amnesty International. Hasan Ocak's sister Maside Ocak reported that a police officer unofficially confirmed to her that Hasan Ocak had been detained.

At a press conference on 6 April, the new State Minister for Human Rights, Algan Hacao\_lu, denied allegations that 33 people had "disappeared" during the unrest which started on 12 March in the Gaziosmanpa\_a district of Istanbul. However, the Minister asked that members of the public should inform the authorities if they have any information about the 33 people, whose names were listed by the Turkish Human Rights Association.

According to *Cumhuriyet*, the Minister of Interior, Nahit Mente\_e, stated that the names of two persons detained in operations after the Gaziosmanpa\_a disturbances have been withheld. *Cumhuriyet* quotes Aysel Ocak, another sister of Hasan Ocak, saying: "All relatives of "disappeared" will think now: Is our child among them? These names have to be made public." To Amnesty International's knowledge, the names have not yet been announced.

On 11 April 1995 Emine Ocak, mother of Hasan Ocak, and relatives of other "disappeared" people, protested in the court room of the State Security Court in Ankara and shouted: "We want our sons". Emine Ocak and Gul\_en Birsen Gullinay, wife of Hasan Gullinay who "disappeared" on 20 July 1992 (see EUR 44/68/92), both participated in this action and were sentenced to one month in prison by the Ankara State Security Court for contempt of court. Both were sent to the Ankara Central Closed Prison, where they will serve 12 days' imprisonment.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Hasan Ocak who has been missing since 21 March 1995;
- asking the Interior Minister, Nahit Mente\_e, to make public the names of all detainees taken into custody following disturbances in the Gaziosmanpa\_a district of Istanbul in March;
- asking the State Minister for Human Rights, Algan Hacao\_lu, to provide information on the methods and findings of investigations into all those to have "disappeared" since the unrest in Gaziosmanpa\_a;
- asking that Hasan Ocak be charged and brought promptly before a court or released.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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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 1 June 1995.