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Further information on UA 232/94 (EUR 44/48/94, 15 June 1994) - "Disappearance"
/ Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Ismail A_aya, aged 18)
Mehmet A_k_n) distributors for the
Deniz Bayram, aged 15) pro-Kurdish newspaper
Zafer Tüzün, aged 19) Özgür Ülke (Free Country)
Mansur Da_l_k, aged 16)
Mehmet Kurt, aged 25)

On 7 July 1994, Zafer Tüzün and Deniz Bayram were formally arrested and committed to prison, after having been interrogated for one month at the Gendarmerie Regimental Headquarters in Diyarbak_r. They had been detained on 8 June while taking copies of the newspaper Özgür Ülke by bus from Diyarbak_r to Urfa.

Mansur Da_l_k and Mehmet Kurt are still under interrogation at Piriñlik Gendarmerie Station. Their detention has been acknowledged. Amnesty International has been informed that on 16 June the period for further interrogation was set for another 15 days. They had been detained on 10 June while taking copies of the newspaper from Diyarbak_r to Urfa. It is expected that they may be formally arrested or released within the next few days.

The detention of Mehmet A_k_n has also been acknowledged, but there is no further information on his situation. It is not yet known how any of the five others named above have been treated in custody.

Ismail A_aya remains "disappeared". He was reportedly attacked by three assailants on 28 May in the Be_evler district of Batman. His attackers dragged him into a side street and forced him into a car. He had started distributing the newspaper only four or five days previously. Several distributors of the newspaper have been killed and Amnesty International believes there is grave concern for his Ismail A_aya's life.

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

- expressing grave concern for the life of Ismail A_aya who "disappeared" after being detained in Batman on 28 May 1994;
- urging that immediate steps be taken to establish his whereabouts;
- requesting to be informed of the result of such investigations.

APPEALS TO:

1) Prime Minister:

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Mr Nahit Ment_e
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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 24 August 1994.