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Further information on EXTRA 35/96 (EUR 44/36/96, 7 March 1996) and follow-up (EUR 44/38/96, 11 March 1996) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture

TURKEY Yücel Sar\_çam, aged 24

Ayd\_n Ipçi, aged 29

Songül Özbak\_r (f) aged 25

Alibaba Karaka\_, aged 33

Sorgun Kutlu (new name)

Hatice Güden (f), aged 32

Mustafa Karao\_lan, aged 29

N. Kemal Bekta\_

M. Karaça

Muhittin Evrak, real name: Hüseyin Demircio\_lu, aged 35

Filiz Toprak (f), teacher, aged 27

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According to information only now received, Yücel Sar\_çam, Ayd\_n Ipçi and Filiz Toprak were released on 19 March 1996, Alibaba Karaka\_ on 20 March.

Songül Özbak\_r, Hatice Güden, Mustafa Karao\_lan, N. Kemal Bekta\_ and Hüseyin Demircio\_lu were formally arrested and committed to Ankara Central Closed Prison on 20 March to await trial. The charges are not known to Amnesty International.

No information is available on M. Karaça and Sorgun Kutlu.

It is alleged that, while in detention, Yücel Sar\_çam was subjected to beating, in particular on the kidney area, being hosed with pressurized cold water, and made to wait in the cold for several hours. He suffered swelling of the genital area and received some treatment during four days in detention. No medical report was issued.

Filiz Toprak alleged that she was blindfolded, stripped naked, insulted for being a teacher, given electric shocks, hosed with pressurized cold water and suspended by the arms. This torture lasted for three days. In addition she reportedly witnessed others being beaten, insulted, sexually abused and threatened with death. She was given a medical report (not currently available).

No further action is requested from the UA network. Thank you to all who sent appeals.