

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 107/95 (EUR 44/96/95, 18 September 1995) - Fear of "disappearance"/ Fear of torture

TURKEY_erif Y_lmaz, aged 15
_amil Y_lmaz, his brother, aged 35

According to information provided by the Emergency Region Governor in Diyarbakır, _erif and _amil Y_lmaz are both in detention in Bitlis. On 25 September 1995 the Bitlis Provincial Gendarmerie Headquarters acknowledged that both are being held there. This means that _erif Y_lmaz, a 15-year-old, has by now been held by the gendarmerie in incommunicado detention for nearly a month without access to his parents or a lawyer. This is in breach of Statute 2253 of Turkish law which requires that minors are questioned by the prosecutor only and that their next of kin are promptly informed of their whereabouts.

The information was obtained with the help of the Human Rights Ministry in Ankara which made inquiries with the relevant authorities and received a positive reply.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- expressing concern that _erif Y_lmaz, a 15-year-old, has been held incommunicado in unacknowledged detention for nearly a month at the Bitlis Provincial Gendarmerie Headquarters, in breach of Statute 2253;
- urging that those responsible for this breach of the law are held responsible;
- seeking information about the state of health of both brothers, _erif and _amil Y_lmaz, and the charges brought against them.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

2. Bitlis State Prosecutor:

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Salutation: Dear Sir

3. Gendarmerie General Commander:

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Salutation: Dear General

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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 27 October 1995.