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Further information on UA 405/93 (EUR 44/106/93, 16 November 1993) - Threat of forced eviction and destruction of Christian village

TURKEY:Hassana village (Turkish: Kösral köyü)

Reports have been received that the villagers of Hassana were forced to leave their village. Those who left before the deadline of 20 November were able to take some of their belongings with them, while others who wanted to stay, but had to leave on the day of the deadline, could not take anything with them. According to one source the windows and doors of their houses were broken by the security forces, making the homes uninhabitable and exposed to the elements.

The villagers, 31 families comprising 199 persons in all, were offered neither alternative places for settlement nor compensation by the authorities.

However, in the period before the deadline Turkish television reportedly broadcast the false information that the villagers of Hassana were Armenians and in league with the guerrillas of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK).

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

- expressing concern about the forced eviction of villagers throughout the Emergency State region, conducted unofficially and in an arbitrary manner, accompanied by threats, intimidation, ill-treatment and destruction of livestock, food and property;
- expressing particular concern about the forced eviction of the village of Hassana on 20 November 1993;
- urging that all people forced by the security forces to leave their homes in the Emergency State region are offered compensation for loss of their property and alternative places of settlement.

APPEALS TO:

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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 19 January 1994.