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Further information on EXTRA 61/96 (EUR 44/63/96, 30 April 1996) - Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture

TURKEYTalat Türko_lu

Talat Türko_lu remains "disappeared". He has still not been seen since 1 April 1996, when after leaving Edirne, where he had been visiting relatives, he never arrived at his Istanbul home.

His wife, Hasene Türko_lu, was allegedly ill-treated at a vigil of relatives of the "disappeared" (see EXTRA 88/96, EUR 44/83/96, 10 June 1996 and update, EUR 44/95/96, 20 June). She continues to campaign for the truth about the fate of her husband. At Amnesty International's first-ever public meeting in Turkey on 11 May, she said "Amnesty International was the first organization to respond to my letters. Amnesty is putting pressure on the Turkish authorities to find him. Thank you, Amnesty."

Although this Urgent Action will now be closing, participants are asked to send, if possible, one more round of appeals to the Turkish authorities, expressing deep concern for the safety of Talat Türko_lu, asking for all possible steps to be taken to establish his whereabouts, and asking what investigations were carried out in response to earlier appeals.

Thank you to all who have participated in this EXTRA.

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