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Further information on UA 355/92 (EUR 44/124/92, 13 November 1992) - Fear of Torture/"Disappearance"/Extrajudicial Execution

TURKEY: Mehmet Akan, aged 70, shepherd
Mehmet Akkum, aged 25, shepherd

Ahmet Akkum, 40
Selahattin Akkum, 18
Selahattin Akelma, 20
Zülfü Aktut, 30
Mehdi Ceylan, 15
Zülküf Cansever, 20
Abdurrahim Akay, 17
Ismail Celik, 40, village imam (prayer leader)
Nuri Karakaplan, 23
..... Altun [first name not known]
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According to reports received by Amnesty International, the body of Mehmet Akkum was found on 17 November 1992 dumped in a cemetery in Elaz__ about 140 kilometres from Kur_unlu village. He had been detained on 10 November 1992 together with 70-year-old shepherd Mehmet Akan whose body was found in the fields shortly afterwards. Two witnesses observed them being detained.

Mehmet Akkum's body was mutilated and showed signs of extreme torture: it was slit with a knife on the forearm, burned apparently with a piece of iron and the ears had been cut off.

The other 11 villagers named above remain "disappeared". They are believed to be held in unacknowledged incommunicado detention in Diyarbak_r and there is grave fear for their safety.

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

- expressing concern that 11 men from Kur_unlu village in the province of Diyarbak_r have been held incommunicado since 12 November 1992 in unacknowledged detention at an unknown place;

- seeking assurances that they are not subjected to torture while in custody;

- calling for an immediate, full and impartial investigation into the reported deaths in detention of Mehmet Akan, aged 70, from Kur_unlu village whose body was found one day after he had been detained on 10 November, and of Mehmet Akkum whose body was found mutilated in Elaz__ on 17 November;
- requesting to be informed of its findings.

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APPEALS TO

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Salutation: Dear General

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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission

Mr Sabri Yavuz

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TBMM

Ankara

Turkey

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 1 January 1993.