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Further information on UA 337/94 (EUR 44/95/94, 14 September 1994) and follow-ups (EUR 44/103/94, 26 September; EUR 44/115/94, 7 October; EUR 44/119/94, 14 October) - Fear of Torture / "Disappearance"

TURKEY Mehmet Balamir, newspaper distributor for *Özgür Ülke*
Kadriye Özcanl_, (f), office manager of *Özgür Ülke* in D'bak_r

Gürsel_ahin, aged 23 }
Nezahat Özen, (f) } correspondents for *Özgür Ülke*
Metin Da_, }
Vehbiye Tüzün, (f), aged 23, correspondent in Urfa

new names: _smail Hakk_ Kelleci }
Salih Aykaç } correspondents for *Özgür Ülke*
Nevzat Ayd_n }

Metin Da_, Gürsel_ahin, Vehbiye Tüzün, _smail Hakk_ Kelleci, Salih Aykaç and Nevzat Ayd_n, detained after police raids on the office of the newspaper *Özgür Ülke* in Diyarbak_r on 20 September and 4 October, have all now been released.

They have alleged that they were severely tortured in detention and made to testify against *Özgür Ülke*.

Vehbiye Tüzün was reportedly held blindfolded throughout 12 days of incommunicado detention in two different locations. In the second location, presumably the Regimental Gendarmerie Headquarters in Diyarbak_r, she was kept for 10 days in a cell on the second floor, on which many other detainees were also being held (on one occasion she recognized the voice of Nezahat Özen when being taken to the toilet). Torture methods used against her included sexual assault, being stripped, hosed with pressurized icecold water, made to lie naked on concrete, squeezing of breasts and being given electric shocks to breasts and genitals. Blindfolded she signed a prepared statement which she renounced when brought before the prosecutor. The prosecutor recorded her rejection and ordered her release, without bringing charges. A medical report issued on 18 October certified shoulder pain and pelvic infection among other complaints, consistent with the alleged torture.

As noted in previous updates, Mehmet Balamir, Kadriye Özcanl_ and Nezahat Özen have been formally arrested and committed to prison. Nezahat Özen also alleged that she had been tortured in police custody, including being hung up by the wrists.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- reiterating your concern at reports that Vehbiye Tüzün, and Nezahat Özen, Metin Da_, Gürsel_ahin, _smail Hakk_ Kelleci, Salih Aykaç and Nevzat Ayd_n were tortured in Diyarbak_r following their detention on 2 October and 20 September respectively;
- urging that an impartial and thorough investigation be carried out into their allegations of torture and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- asking to be informed of the outcome of such an investigation.

APPEALS TO:

1) Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbakır State Security Court:

DGM Başsavcısı

Devlet Güvenlik Mahkemesi

Diyarbakır, Turkey

Telegrams: DGM Başsavcısı, Diyarbakır, Turkey**Salutation: Dear Sir**2) Chief of Staff of the Gendarmerie:

Orgeneral Aydın Altın

Jandarma Kuvvetleri Komutanlığı

Bakanlıklar

Ankara, Turkey

Telegrams: Jandarma Genel Komutanı, Ankara, Turkey**Faxes: +90 312 418 0476****Salutation: Dear General**3) Minister of Justice:

Mr Mehmet Muhtar

Adalet Bakanlığı

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Telegrams: Justice Minister, Ankara, Turkey**Faxes: +90 312 425 4066; 417 3954****Salutation: Dear Minister****COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Prof Mümtaz Soysal

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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 12 December 1994.