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Further information on EXTRA 107/95 (EUR 44/96/95, 18 September 1995) and follow-ups (EUR 44/102/95, 29 September 1995; EUR 44/107/95, 11 October 1995, EUR 44/111/95, 13 October 1995) - Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture

TURKEY_erif Y_lmaz, aged 15

S_bli Y_lmaz, his brother, aged 35 (note correct name)

Amnesty International has learned that in fact both brothers, _erif and S_bli Y_lmaz, were ordered to be released on 22 September 1995. However, only S_bli Y_lmaz left the Provincial Gendarmerie Headquarters in Bitlis. He had reportedly been severely tortured in detention and did not return to his home in Van for fear of further persecution.

His 15-year-old brother _erif is alleged by former detainees to have cooperated with the police after torture. Although he was free to go, _erif Y_lmaz did not leave the Gendarmerie Headquarters, for fear of reprisals. The Gendarmerie have requested that a family member come and collect him, but relatives in Istanbul dared not travel to Bitlis to collect _erif Y_lmaz from the Gendarmerie Headquarters. It is now thought that the family's lawyer will make the journey and bring the boy home.

No further action is required at this stage. Thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of the Y_lmaz brothers.