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Further information on UA 488/90 (EUR 44/181/90, 4 December) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Bülent Ba_ci
 Saadet Toksoy (f)
 Erkan Özbilge
 Mesut Sevimli
 Selahattin U_ra_
 Müzaffer Yi_it

 Hulya Özdemir (f))
 Güllü Özcelik (f)) new names
 _smet Özdemir)

Bülent Ba_c_ was released from detention on 4 December 1990. He alleges that he was given electric shocks, sprayed with cold water under high pressure and beaten at Ankara Police Headquarters. The police had initially denied holding him as the desk officers apparently had no knowledge that he was in custody there.

The prosecutor has directed that Saadet Toksoy, Erkan Özbilge, Mesut Sevimli, Selahattin U_ra_ and Müzaffer Yi_it should continue to be held in detention until 10 or 11 December. No lawyer or members of their family have been permitted access.

On 4 December 1990 a number of friends and families went to Police Headquarters to enquire about the detainees. Eleven were taken into detention, of whom two, Hulya Özdemir (f) and Güllü Özcelik (f) were today retained in detention. The other family members were released today, and one of them, _smet Özdemir, reported being beaten. He complained to the Ankara Chief Prosecutor and was sent to the Forensic Medical Foundation, where he received a "3-day" medical report for cuts and bruises about the eyes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging that Saadet Toksoy, Erkan Özbilge, Mesut Sevimli, Selahattin U_ra_, Müzaffer Yi_it, Hulya Özdemir, and Güllü Özcelik are given prompt access to their families and lawyers and that they should not be ill-treated while in detention;
- requesting to be informed of any charges against them;

- asking that an independent and impartial investigation should be carried out into the allegations of torture and ill-treatment made by _smet Özdemir and Bülent Ba_c_.

APPEALS TO

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