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Further information on UA 287/00 (EUR 44/44/00, 19 September 2000) - Fear of "disappearance"/fear of torture

TURKEY Mehmet Gün, clerical worker (aged 19)

Mehmet Gün is now known to be held at Diyarbakır Gendarmerie Command. It was feared that he was at risk of "disappearance", after the authorities did not acknowledge that he was in custody.

His family were told the news of his whereabouts today, after they had again applied to the Diyarbakır State Security Court prosecutor.

Amnesty International remains concerned that he is at risk of torture.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue to send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or German:

- urging that Mehmet Gün is not tortured or ill-treated;
- asking to be informed of any charges that may be brought against him;
- reminding the government of Turkey of its obligations under Article 3 of the European Convention of Human Rights, to which Turkey is a state party, which states: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

APPEALS TO:

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Please also send copies to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country. Please forward any replies you receive to your Section, to be passed on to the International Secretariat.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 November 2000.