

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 27/97 (EUR 44/13/97, 27 February 1997) - Fear of torture and new concern: Torture

TURKEYCuma Meral, held under the name of Hasan Hasgül
Hasan Ozan, held under the name of Ali Berko_lu
Erdo_an Ber, held under the name of Kamber Göl
Ar_f Celebi
Süleyman Yeter
Mükkade_Çelik (f)
Zabit Iltemur
Birsen Kaya (f)
Necati Abay
Abidin Ezgin
Ismail Ezgin
Sedat_eno_lu
Enver Akça
Ay_e Y_lmaz (f) [note correct name]
Deniz Y_lmaz, son of Ay_e Y_lmaz [note correct name]
Erdo_an Y_lmaz, husband of Ay_e Y_lmaz [note correct name]
Mustafa Öztürk
Sultan Seçik (f)
Asiye Zeybek (f)
Gönül Karagöz (f)
Bayram Namaz

During a press conference held on 1 March 1997, Rahime Henden reported that she had been taken to the Anti-Terror Branch of Istanbul Police Headquarters on 27 February [in place of her husband who was wanted (in a separate case to that of those named above); she was released when he was apprehended]. At the Anti-Terror Branch, she said, she witnessed the torture inflicted on Sultan Seçik, Birsen Kaya and Ay_e Y_lmaz. As a result Sultan Seçik and Ay_e Y_lmaz could not move their arms. She also alleged that Ay_e Y_lmaz's husband, Erdo_an Y_lmaz, had been severely tortured and that some of his ribs had been broken.

They were among some 26 people detained in Istanbul on 22 February 1997, to be held by permission of the public prosecutor until 7 March before being brought before a judge to be charged or released.

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

- expressing grave concern at the allegations made by Rahime Henden on 1 March that Sultan Seçik, Birsen Kaya, Ay_e Y_lmaz and her husband Erdo_an Y_lmaz had been tortured at the Anti-Terror Branch of Istanbul Police Headquarters following their detention on 22 February 1997;
- urging that an immediate, full and impartial investigation be conducted into these torture allegations and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- appealing that Sultan Seçik, Ay_e Y_lmaz and her husband Erdo_an Y_lmaz be given all medical attention they may require;
- urging that all 26 detainees be protected from torture and ill-treatment and promptly brought before a judge to be formally charged or released.

APPEALS TO:

1. Chief Prosecutor at Istanbul State Security Court:

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DGM Ba_savc_s_
Devlet Güvenlik Mahkemesi
Istanbul, Turkey
Telegrams: DGM Ba_savc_s_, _stanbul, Turkey
Telex: 0607 30187 eist tr; 0607 30188 iemd tr
Salutation: Dear Prosecutor

2. Istanbul Chief of Police:
Mr Ramazan Er
Istanbul Emniyet Müdürü
_stanbul, Turkey
Telegrams: Emniyet Muduru, Istanbul, Turkey
Telexes: 30811 IEHM TR or 30812 EMMH TR or 26177 IEMT TR
Salutation: Dear Sir

3. Minister of the Interior:
Mrs Meral Ak_ener
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Ankara, Turkey
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Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES TO:

State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:
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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 March 1997.