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Further information on EXTRA 30/96 (EUR 44/33/96, 26 February 1996) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture

TURKEYIshak Tepe, Kurdish businessman, aged 53

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According to newspaper reports, Ishak Tepe was brought before a court in Bitlis on 4 March 1996 and released.

After his release he reportedly stated that he had been detained on charges of aiding the PKK, that he was not tortured in detention and that he was kept in a separate room. "However, they blindfolded me during the interrogation. They only removed my blindfold while I met the Bitlis Police Chief. While I was detained I met also the police officers against whom I had filed an official complaint after the murder of my son and my nephew." Ishak Tepe also stated that he was able to meet his wife and lawyer while in police custody.

No further action is required by the UA Network. Thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of Ishak Tepe.