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Further information on UA 450/94 (EUR 44/157/94, 22 December 1994) - Prisoners of Conscience and follow-ups (EUR 44/04/95, 6 January; EUR 44/12/95, 13 January; EUR 44/27/95, 6 February; EUR 44/38/95, 1 March; EUR/39/95, EUR 44/39/95, 10 March 1995.

TURKEY:Mahmut _akar, secretary of Diyarbak_r branch of the Turkish Human Rights Association (HRA)

Nimetullah Gündüz, lawyer, board member of Diyarbak_r HRA

Abdullah Ça_er, lawyer, board member of Diyarbak_r HRA

Melike Alp (f), board member of Diyarbak_r HRA

Sinan Tanr_kulu, lawyer, member of Diyarbak_r HRA

F_rat Anl_, lawyer, member of Diyarbak_r HRA

Hanifi I_k, teacher, member of Diyarbak_r HRA

_erif Atmaca, member of Diyarbak_r HRA

Servet Ayhan, lawyer, member of Diyarbak_r HRA

Mahmut _akar, Nimetullah Gündüz, Abdullah Ça_er, and Melike Alp were released on Monday 17 April after a hearing at Diyarbak_r State Security Court. The next hearing of their continuing trial will be on 12 June. Congratulations and thanks to all who appealed on their behalf.

The indictment against Sinan Tanr_kulu, F_rat Anl_, Hanifi __k, _erif Atmaca, and Servet Ayhan has now been prepared. They will appear at the first hearing of their trial on 1 May, on charges of membership of the armed illegal organisation, the PKK.

Further information on the releases will follow. Meanwhile, please continue appeals for the five boardmembers of Diyarbak_r Human Rights Association who remain in custody.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- welcoming the release of Mahmut _akar, Nimetullah Gündüz, Abdullah Ça_er, and Melike Alp;

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Sinan Tanr_kulu, F_rat Anl_, Hanifi I_k, _erif Atmaca, and Servet Ayhan, currently held at Diyarbak_r E-type prison, who are considered by Amnesty International to be prisoners of conscience, detained because of their work for the Turkish Human Rights Association.

APPEALS TO:

Emergency Legislation Governor:

Mr Ünal Erkan

Ola_anüstü Hal Valisi

Diyarbak_r, Turkey

Telegrams: Olaganustu Hal Valisi, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Telex: 72110 OHVT TR/72084 DYVA TR "please forward to the Governor"
72090 JASY TR

Salutation: Dear Governor

Minister of Justice:

Mr Mehmet Mo_ultay
Adalet Bakanl____
06659 Ankara, Turkey

Telegrams: Justice Minister, Ankara, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Minister

Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Mr Murat Karayalç_n
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
D_i_leri Bakanl____
06100 Ankara

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Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:

Mr Azimet Köylüo_lu
Office of the Prime Minister
Ba_bakanl_k
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and to diplomatic representatives of TURKEY accredited to your country.

*** You may also send copies of your appeals, and best wishes to the prisoners:**

Sinan Tanr_kulu, F_rat Anl_, Hanifi I__k, _erif Atmaca, Servet Ayhan: Diyarbak_r
E-tipi Cezaevi, Diyarbak_r, Turkey.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 June 1995.