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Further information on EXTRA 72/95 (EUR 44/69/95, 16 June 1995) - Fear of Torture / Possible prisoners of conscience

TURKEYHüseyin Ümit (note correct spelling), lawyer, secretary of Hakkari branch
of the Turkish Human Rights Association
ükrü Çall, former mayor of Hakkari
new name: Abdulkerim Demirer, lawyer, president of Hakkari branch
of the Turkish Human Rights
Association

On 19 June 1995, the president of the Hakkari branch of the Turkish Human Rights Association (HRA), Abdulkerim Demirer was detained at his home. He is married with three children. His daughter reported to Amnesty International that police came at 3pm and surrounded the house. Two plainclothes policemen searched the house for an hour. They confiscated several of Abdulkerim Demirel's books and took him to Hakkari Police Headquarters.

Hüseyin Ümit and _ükrü Çall_, detained on 15 June, are still in custody.

Hakkari is under emergency legislation. Under the Turkish Criminal Procedure Code detainees in this area may be held incommunicado for up to 30 days without access in person or by telephone to their lawyer, family, or a medical practitioner of their choice. Amnesty International believes that Abdulkerim Demirer, Hüseyin Ümit and _ükrü Çall_ may be prisoners of conscience, and that they may be at risk of ill-treatment or torture.

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

- urging that Abdulkerim Demirer, Hüseyin Umut and _ükrü Çall_ be immediately released or brought before a judge;
- seeking assurances that they are not being subjected to any form of ill-treatment.
- reiterating concern at the continuing detention of members of the Human Rights Association, and calling for them to be allowed to carry out their internationally recognized right to the peaceful defence of human rights without fear of intimidation or arrest.

APPEALS TO

1. Hakkari Chief Prosecutor
Hakkari Cumhuriyet Ba_savc_s_
Mr Ali Aydemir
Hükümet Kona__
Hakkari
Turkey

Telegrams: Hakkari Chief Prosecutor, Hakkari, Turkey
Salutation: Dear Sir

2. Deputy Prime Minister
Mr Hikmet Çetin
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Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

3. State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:

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Telegrams: Minister for Human Rights, Ankara, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission:

Mr Sabri Yavuz

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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 19 July 1995.