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Further information on UA 258/92 (EUR 44/70/92, 6 August 1992) - Fear of Extrajudicial Execution/Health Concern

TURKEY: Burhan Karadeniz, journalist

Burhan Karadeniz, who was shot from behind with one bullet in the neck and seriously wounded on 5 August 1992, was transferred to a hospital in Ankara on 10 August for further treatment. He is reported to be numb from his chest down and it is feared that he may be paralyzed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Meanwhile another journalist, Hüseyin Deniz, working for the same newspaper, Özgür Gündem, was shot with one bullet to the head on 9 August 1992 and subsequently died. Hüseyin Deniz was attacked on the way to his office in Ceylanp_nar (province of Urfa) and became the fourth victim among journalists working for this newspaper (for further information, see UA 262/92, AI Index: EUR 44/72/92 of 11 August 1992).

Prime Minister Süleyman Demirel is reported to have commented on the series of attacks on journalists, stating: "...*The information we have is different. Those killed were not real journalists. They were militants in the guise of journalists. They kill each other. There is fighting between them...*"

From its experience in other parts of the world, Amnesty International has observed that journalists are frequently a prime target in areas where there is a pattern of serious human rights abuses, in particular extrajudicial executions. As journalists and human rights monitors leave the area, intimidated by the killings of their colleagues, human rights violations increasingly go unreported.

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

- expressing grave concern about the the medical condition of Burhan Karadeniz who is reportedly numb from the chest down and may be paralyzed after being shot on 5 August 1992;
- expressing alarm about the killing on 9 August 1992 of yet another journalist, Hüseyin Deniz, working on the same newspaper, in similar circumstances in southeast Turkey;
- calling for a prompt, full and impartial investigation into the attacks on Burhan Karadeniz and his journalist colleagues, and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- urging that every step possible is taken to ensure the future safety of Burhan Karadeniz.

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of the Interior:

Mr _smet Sezgin

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06644 Ankara, Turkey

Telegrams: Interior Minister, Ankara, Turkey

Telexes: 46369 ICSL TR

Faxes: + 90 4 418 1795

Salutation: Dear Minister

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2) Prime Minister:

Mr Süleyman Demirel

Office of the Prime Minister

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06573 Ankara, Turkey

Telegrams: Prime Minister, Ankara, Turkey

Telexes: 44061; 44062; 44063 bbmt tr; 42099 basb tr; 42875 bbk tr

Faxes: + 90 4 417 04 76 PRIME MINISTER;

+ 90 4 230 88 96 (attn: Prime Minister)

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

3) Emergency Legislation Governor:

Mr Ünal Erkan

Ola_anüstü Hal Valisi

Diyarbak_r, Turkey

Telegrams: Olaganustu Hal Valisi, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Telexes: 72110 OHVT TR; 72084 DYVA TR "please forward to the Governor"

**Faxes: + 90 831 26174 (telephone first and ask to switch on the fax
machine: "Lütfen fax sinyal veriniz")**

Salutation: Dear Governor

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission

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TBMM

Ankara, Turkey

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 23 September 1992.