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Further information on UA 90/91 (EUR 44/31/91, 8 March 1991 and follow-up EUR 44/36/91, 14 March 1991) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Mehmet Akkan, seasonal migrant, IHD member
_ükrü Kaya
Bilal Kaya, brother of _ükrü, aged 15 or 16
Sadik Kaya, brother of _ükrü,
Celal Sezer [please note correct name]
Hasan Sezer, brother of Celal [please note correct name]
Abdullah Çalapkulu, aged 15

_efik Çalapkulu
Ramazan Sezer
Süleyman Baba
Nezir Kaçak
Mehmet Kaçak
_zzettin Tekmen
Bayram Tekmen
Sabri Ahi

plus, new name: Emine ... (f)

On 24 March, Süleyman Baba, Nezir Kaçak, Mehmet Kaçak and Bayram Tekmen were released. _zzettin Tekmen was charged with sheltering guerrillas and committed to prison on the same day. The other ten detainees are still in incommunicado detention at Siirt Police Headquarters and there is increased fear for their safety.

A fellow-detainee released meanwhile reported that teenager Bilal Kaya had been hung in the crucifixion position and had been subjected to electric shocks. The police officers reportedly tried to make him say "rude things" about opposition party members and Abdullah Öcalan, the leader of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) guerrillas, but the boy said that he could not swear and say such rude things about anybody. He appeared very frightened and upset and also very thirsty. Torture is said to make the victims extremely thirsty, but they are denied water, except when being hosed with it under pressure.

He further reported that he could hear from his cell a woman called Emine who had arrived by bus from Ankara to visit her elder sister. He could overhear her interrogation by several men who kept asking her why she had come. He could tell that they were giving her electric shocks, because people scream in a particular way when subjected to this kind of torture.

Mücahit _lter, who was among the eleven detainees released around 12 March, (see previous follow-up to UA 90/91) is said to have had his arm broken or dislocated when he was being dragged into the police van. His injury did not prevent the police officers from torturing him by suspending him by the wrists and as a result his arm was very swollen.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging that the ten detainees still in detention - Mehmet Akkan, _ükrü Kaya,

Bilal Kaya, Sad_k Kaya, Celal Sezer, Hasan Sezer, Abdullah Çalapkulu, _efik Çalapkulu, Ramazan Sezer and Sabri Ahi as well as the woman Emine are not ill-treated while in detention;

- appealing for an impartial and independent investigation into the allegations of torture made by those released;

- requesting to be informed of any charges brought against the detainees.

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