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Further information on UA 414/91 (EUR 44/155/91, 27 November 1991) - Possible  
Extrajudicial Execution - *Please note change of concern*

**TURKEY: \_smail Hakk\_ Kocakaya, father of seven children**

At 3pm on 23 November 1991, \_smail Kocakaya, a member of Turkey's Kurdish minority, was detained in the Esenler district of Diyarbak\_r in the presence of his son Özeyir Kocakaya and brother Yavuz Kocakaya. Several plainclothes police officers, armed and equipped with radios, emerged from a white \_ahin type car, registration 21 EF 916 (not 21 ET 916 as indicated in UA 414/91). Two of the officers were known to the family who were able to name one of them. It is alleged that the white car, together with another, a dark red \_ahin, registration number 21 EC 519, had apparently been used in observing \_smail Kocakaya for several days. One of the officers reportedly said "We are detaining you" and immediately took \_smail Kocakaya away.

On 25 November, a body was found some 100 kilometres west of Diyarbak\_r, under a bridge in the Karacada\_ area of Siverek. It was taken to the State Hospital. The body reportedly bore marks of torture. Part of the head was crushed and the eyes were badly wounded.

The family have taken the body to the family home in Lice, 90 km from Diyarbak\_r, where the atmosphere is already reported to be tense.

It is reported that \_smail Kocakaya was imprisoned from 1980 to 1986 on political charges, and that he had been detained in the same connection three times since 1986. No further details are available.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

During 1991 there have been numerous allegations of extrajudicial executions in Turkey, arising in particular from the southeast of the country where most of the Kurdish minority live.

In June and July 1991, a bombing campaign by unknown persons against members of the Turkish Human Rights Association resulted in injury but not loss of life. At the same time a number of local politicians were murdered in circumstances which remain unclear but have given rise to allegations of extrajudicial execution. In July, Vedat Aydın, a member of the Human Rights Association and President of the Diyarbak\_r branch of the People's Labour Party (HEP) - a party perceived as representing the interests of Turkey's large Kurdish

minority - was taken from his house in Diyarbak\_r by several armed men, ostensibly plainclothes police officers. Three days later his body was found at a roadside some 60 kilometres north of Diyarbak\_r bearing signs of torture and eight gunshot wounds. The body was buried under police supervision within hours of being found and without a full autopsy in spite of the fact that it was clearly a case of murder. There were doubts as to the thoroughness of the initial police investigation into the circumstances of Vedat Ayd\_n's death. (See also Southeast Turkey: Attacks on Human Rights Activists and Killings of Local Politicians - AI Index EUR 44/114/91).

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

- expressing concern at the death of a second person in Diyarbak\_r, within a five month period, in circumstances suggesting extrajudicial execution;
- urging a prompt, thorough, independent and impartial inquiry into the circumstances of \_smaail Kocakaya's death.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Dear Prime Minister

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Dear Minister

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3) Emergency Legislation Governor:

Mr Necati Çetinkaya  
Ola\_anüstü Hal Valisi  
Diyarbak\_r, Turkey

Dear Governor

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 January 1992.