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Further information on UA 464/90 (EUR 44/166/90, 14 November) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Am_e Koç (f)
_ükrüye Koç (f)
Leyla Koç (f)
Selime Hüseyino_lu (f)
Cengiz Koç, aged 13
_ükrü Koç, aged 13
Bayram Koç, aged 12
Seyfettin Koç, aged 15
Nusret Koç, aged 17
Hasip Ad_yaman, aged 17
Seydo Koç, aged 55
Ahmet Alpergin, aged 55
R_fat Önal, aged 53 (please note correct name)
Ferzan Koç, aged 21
Kemal Koç, aged 58
Süleyman Koç, aged 40
Melle _sa (village priest)
Abdo Akdo_an
Tahir Alpergin
Kas_m Koç
Abdo ...
Hasan ...

New names: Seyithan Koç
M. Nezir Koç

Amnesty International has learned that Am_e Koç and _ükrüye Koç have been formally arrested and are now held in Diyarbak_r prison. They are not thought to be in further danger. Süleyman Koç, Seyithan Koç, M. Nezir Koç, Ahmet Alpergin, Tahir Alpergin, Rifat Önal and Abdo Erdo_an are still held in detention at Mardin Police Headquarters and have not been given an opportunity to appoint legal counsel, nor have they been granted access to their families. It is reported that they are being subjected to ill-treatment, and that Seyithan Koç has two broken teeth. The others named above have been released without charge.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Turkey has a Kurdish ethnic minority which is not officially recognized by the authorities, but is estimated to number some 10 million people. The Kurdish population lives mainly in southeastern Turkey. Frequent allegations of torture and ill-treatment have been received from the region and the number of torture allegations increased substantially after the 1980 military coup. Since August 1984, when Kurdish guerrillas - members of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) - started armed attacks, an alarming number of reports of ill-treatment of detainees by the security forces have come from the eastern and southeastern provinces, where more than 2000 lives so far have been lost in the continuing fighting.

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

- urging that the remaining seven detainees held in Mardin Police Headquarters are given an opportunity to appoint legal counsel and prompt access to their families;
- urging that they are not ill-treated while in detention;
- requesting to be informed of any charges against them, and the two women who have already been arrested.

APPEALS TO

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Mardin Emniyet Müdürü
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COPIES 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 7 January 1991.