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Further information on EXTRA 158/95 (EUR 44/150/95, 8 December 1995) - Fear of arbitrary killing

TURKEYHakan Güler, aged 24, sports teacher
Kadri Tursun, teacher
Köksal Gümü , Deputy Director, Lice National Education Branch

On 2 January 1996, a spokesperson for ERNK, the National Liberation Front of Kurdistan, the popular front established by the PKK (Kurdish Workers' Party), replied to Amnesty International saying that if the three teachers, Hakan Güler, Kadri Tursun and Köksal Gümü_ had indeed been abducted by armed PKK members, it was an unauthorized action, and that urgent steps would be taken to secure their release. The spokesperson for ERNK concluded his letter by promising that they "would do [their] best to investigate this incident and inform Amnesty International's members about the outcome as soon as possible".

In view of the fact that more than six weeks have elapsed since Hakan Güler, Kadri Tursun and Köksal Gümü_ were abducted by armed members of the PKK and the lack of information about the fate of the three men, Amnesty International remains seriously concerned for their safety.

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

- welcoming the promise by ERNK to investigate the whereabouts of the three teachers Hakan Güler, Kadri Tursun and Köksal Gümü_, abducted by armed PKK members on 21 November 1995;
- asking for further information on the whereabouts and health condition of the three men;
- urging that the three men be released without further delay.

This is a limited action. Please restrict appeals to 20 per Section.

APPEALS TO:

Please ask the following organizations to use all available channels to pass on your appeals to the leadership of the PKK:

Please select the most appropriate address(es) for your appeals.

Americas:

Kurdistan Committee
2487 Kalader Avenue
Suite 203
Ottawa, Ontario KI V8B8
Canada

Telegrams: Kurdistan Committee, 2487 Kalader Avenue, Ottawa, Canada
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Asia:

Kurdistan Information Centre
PO Box 4773 GPO
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Informationsstelle Kurdistan
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Comité du Kurdistan, Belgium: +32 2 230 9208

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(Salutation for all: Dear Sir or Madam)

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