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Further information on EXTRA 28/98 (EUR 44/16/98, 15 April 1998) - Fear of torture or ill-treatment

TURKEY_ emdin SakIk
Arif SakIk (not Hasan, as originally stated)

On 24 April 1998 _ emdin and Arif Sak_k were committed to Diyarbak_r E-Type Prison, reportedly on charges of treason under Article 125 of the Turkish Penal Code, which carries the death penalty.

Semdin Sak_k, a former leader of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), and his brother Arif, were abducted by Turkish Special Forces from northern Iraq on or before 13 April.

As far as Amnesty International is aware, they had no access to a lawyer while in detention, even though Turkish law states that detainees should be permitted access to a lawyer after the first four days.

It is unclear how they were treated while in detention, but _ emdin Sak_k was reportedly hospitalized the night of Thursday 23 April as he suffers from a kidney complaint and requires regular access to a kidney dialysis machine.

No further action is required at this stage. Thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of _ emdin and Arif Sak_k.