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Further information on EXTRA 01/95 (EUR 44/03/95, 6 January 1995) and follow-ups (EUR 44/14/95, 23 January and EUR 44/21/95, 26 January) - Fear of Torture

TURKEYSalih Güler, 24, correspondent for Özgür Ülke in Diyarbak_r
Ismail Hakk_Keleci, 22, corr. for Özgür Ülke in Diyarbak_r

new name: Do an Denizhan, correspondent for Özgür Ülke in Van

It has been reported that Özgür Ülke correspondent Do an Denizhan was released from Van police headquarters on 27 January. The reports indicate that in custody the police hit him several times but did not subject him to torture. He had been detained on 24 January when the Van office of Özgür Ülke was raided by police. Appeals on his behalf should cease.

No new information has been received regarding the two other Özgür Ülke correspondents, Salih Güler and Ismail Hakk_Keleci, who were taken into custody in Diyarbak_r on 4 and 19 January respectively. They remain in incommunicado detention and action on their behalf should continue as recommended in EUR 44/14/95 of 23 January:

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing concern for the safety of Ismail Hakk_Keleci detained in Diyarbak_r on 19 January 1995 and held incommunicado at Diyarbak_r Police Headquarters;
- reiterating concern for Salih Güler, who remains in incommunicado detention at Gendarmerie Intelligence Headquarters in Diyarbak_r, and who is reported to be in poor health due to torture;
- calling for an investigation into these allegations, and urging that Salih Güler be given immediate access to medical care;
- seeking assurances that the detainees are not being subjected to any further torture and urging that they be allowed access to a lawyer and taken promptly before a judge to be charged or released without delay;
- asking to be informed of any charges brought against them.

APPEALS TO

1) Deputy Prime Minister

Mr Murat Karayalç_n

Ba_bakanl_k

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Faxes: +90 312 417 04 76 DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

2) State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:

Mr Azimet Köylüo_lu

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Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbakır State Security Court:

DGM Ba_savc_s_

Devlet Güvenlik Mahkemesi

Diyarbakır, Turkey

Telegrams: DGM Bassavcısı, Diyarbakır, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission:

Mr Sabri Yavuz

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 February 1995.