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8 February 1996

Further information on UA 22/96 (EUR 44/17/96, 31 January 1996) - Fear for Safety

TURKEYE_ref Ya_a, Kurd aged 33

plus two others whose names are not known

Mehmet Ali Ya_a, uncle of E_ref Ya_a]

Murat Ta_an] killed

a woman, name unknown

On 7 February 1996, the Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbak_r State Security Court acknowledged that E_ref Ya_a had been detained by the Gendarmerie Command in Hazro. This was in reply to Hediye Ya_a's petition of the same date for information of her son's whereabouts. He had been held in unacknowledged detention since 18 January 1996. Nothing further is known of the two people who were detained with E_ref Ya_a.

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

- expressing concern that E_ref Ya_a was held in unacknowledged detention for 20 days in contravention of the Turkish Criminal Procedure Code;
- seeking assurances that he and his fellow-detainees are not being subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment;
- asking to be informed of any charges brought against them.

APPEALS TO:

1. Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbak r State Security Court:

Mr Bekir Selçuk DGM Ba savc s

Devlet Güvenlik Mahkemesi

Diyarbak r, Turkey

Telegrams: DGM Bassavcisi, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

2. Diyarbak_r Chief of Gendarmerie:

General Altay Tokat

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Diyarbak r, Turkey

Telegrams: General Tokat, Jandarma Komutanligi, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Salutation: Dear General

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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 22 March 1996.