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Further information (1) on EXTRA 36/97 (EUR 44/21/97, 13 March 1997) - Torture/Fear of torture

TURKEYHatun Temuzalp (f), journalist
Ali Can Kaya, journalist
Arzu Görmez (f), journalist
Dil_an Acar, (f), journalist
Muammer Kalkan, journalist
Tekin Yazar
Ali Ekber
Haydar Çelik (note family name)
Hasan Acar

On 14 March 1997, the prisoners named above were taken to court. Hatun Temuzalp, Ali Can Kaya, Arzu Görmez, Muammer Kalkan and Tekin Yazar were released. The others were formally arrested. Hatun Temuzalp, Ali Can Kaya and Muammer Kalkan stated that they had been tortured while in police custody. On 15 March, Hatun Temuzalp told a press conference that she and her friends had been beaten by the police and that her left shoulder-blade was dislocated as a result of torture.

No further action by the UA Network is required. We thank all who sent appeals on their behalf.