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Further information on EXTRA 01/95 (EUR 44/03/94, 6 January 1995) - and follow-up(s): EUR 44/14/95, 23 January 1995; EUR 44/21/95, 26 January 1995; EUR 44/23/95, 31 January 1995 - Fear of Torture

Turkey: Salih Güler, 24, correspondent for *Özgür Ülke* in Diyarbak_r
Ismail Hakk_Keleci, 22, corr. for *Özgür Ülke* in Diyarbak_r

Do_an Denizhan, correspondent for *Özgür Ülke* in Van

new name: Cengiz K_r_k, correspondent for *Özgür Ülke* in Diyarbak_r

On 30 January 1995, police again raided the office of the Kurdish-owned *Özgür Ülke* newspaper in Diyarbak_r. They detained five correspondents, but have since released four of them. The fifth, Cengiz K_r_k, continues to be detained. He is believed to be held at Diyarbak_r Police Headquarters. It is feared that he is being interrogated under torture in incommunicado detention.

_smail Hakk_Keleci, the correspondent who was detained on 19 January and is still in incommunicado detention, is now thought to be held at the Gendarmerie Intelligence Headquarters, J_TEM, in Diyarbak_r. It is feared that he is also being subjected to torture.

Salih Güler, who was detained on 4 January, was released on 30 January. According to a report in *Özgür Ülke*, he stated that he was tortured in police custody and was forced to give statements incriminating other staff at the newspaper: "During the time in detention I was forced to sit in the corridor while being handcuffed and blindfolded. They removed the handcuffs and blindfold only when I went to the toilet. Sometimes they did not let me sleep. During the first week, they hosed me with pressurized water, suspended me on a hanger and gave electric shocks many times."

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Cengiz K_r_k and _smail Hakk_Keleci, detained in Diyarbak_r on 19 and 30 January respectively;
- seeking assurances that they are not subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment;
- urging that a prompt and full investigation is carried out into allegations that Salih Güler was tortured in police custody following his detention in Diyarbak_r on 4 January 1995;
- asking to be informed of any charges that may be brought against any of the detained correspondents.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

2) Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbakır State Security Court:

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DGM Ba_savc_s_

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Diyarbakır, Turkey

Telegrams: DGM Bassavcısı, Diyarbakır, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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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 17 March 1995.