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Further information on UA 48/91 (EUR 44/20/91, 12 February) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY:       Emel At\_ci (f)  
              Zeki Tombak  
              Erdo\_an Ergin  
              Mehmet Gune\_  
              Salih Koç

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Emel At\_ci, Zeki Tombak, Erdo\_an Ergin and Mehmet Gune\_ were formally arrested on 15 February 1991 and are currently held at Bayrampa\_a prison in Istanbul. Emel Atici's 3-year-old child is with her in prison. It is reported that they may be charged with membership of the People's Armed Unit (SHB). Salih Koç was released on the same date. They had all been arrested in Istanbul on 9 February, and it was feared that they would be interrogated under torture while in police custody.

Emel At\_ci has reported that she was beaten and insulted while in incommunicado detention. Mehmet Güne\_ and Mehmet Gergeç were reportedly subjected to hanging by the wrists, electric shocks and falaka, and were given medical certificates certifying injuries consistent with these claims.

A lawyer was given power of attorney for Emel At\_ci by her mother, but this was not accepted as valid by the Prosecutor and access was denied on these grounds.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- urging that the allegations of torture be independently investigated;
- urging that steps be taken to halt the widespread practice of denying detainees access to legal counsel, which is internationally recognized as a protection for detainees against torture, and for the security forces against false allegations of torture.

**APPEALS TO:**

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