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Further information on EXTRA 20/93 (EUR 44/16/93, 26 February 1993) - and follow-up: EUR 44/19/93, 2 March 1993 - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Mehmet Gökalp, representative of Human Rights Association in Derik

_ehmus Gökalp, board member of ÖZDEP party in Derik

Had_ Kabak (not Hacı as was previously stated), board member of People's Labour Party (HEP) in Derik

and others including

new name: Murat Dörtyaman

Amnesty International has learned that all the detainees named above have been released.

Mehmet Gökalp and the others named above had participated in the burial of a dead PKK (Kurdish Workers' Party) guerrilla named Remzi Çetinkaya in Derik on 25 February 1993. As the people of Derik approached the cemetery, they were told by the police to leave the body and go home. The people refused to do so and started to shout slogans. Three six-wheeled armoured vehicles started to open fire around them, but nobody was hit. The people just continued to walk to the cemetery, surrounded by the security forces, and buried the guerrilla. About 400 people were then detained, but only nine were kept in detention including the four named above.

Mehmet Gökalp, who was not taken to Mardin Gendarmerie as was previously thought, alleges that he was beaten terribly at Derik Gendarmerie and that he did pass out. He said that on the first day in detention he was told: "If you do not give up being IHD [Human Rights Association] representative we shall kill you and your children." Later he was hung up by his wrists with his arms tied behind his back, given electric shocks and hosed with water. The other named detainees were treated similarly. He was not examined by a doctor before being taken to the prosecutor. The prosecutor charged him with breaching the law on demonstrations. Mehmet Gökalp complained of torture to the prosecutor who told him to prepare a formal complaint which he did. He tried to be examined by a doctor but the local doctor was too afraid to do so. Mehmet Gökalp was released on 28 February thinks he may have a broken rib - he had many bruises and was confined to bed.

Mehmet Gökalp has not resigned from being a representative of the Human Rights Association.

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

- expressing concern at the alleged torture of Mehmet Gökalp and the other three people named above who were detained on 25 February 1993 and held at Derik Gendarmerie Headquarters;
- urging that Mehmet Gökalp's torture complaint is promptly and fully investigated and that those responsible for the torture are brought to justice.

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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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 3 May 1993.