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Further information on EXTRA 22/00 (EUR 44/12/00, 8 March 2000) and follow-up (EUR 44/13/00, 9 March 2000) - Ill-treatment and torture/Health concern

**TURKEY** Ay\_e Yeter  
Kaz\_m Bak\_\_  
about 100 taken into detention  
Emine Ocak and Ali Ocak

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Ay\_e Yeter, Lawyer Kele\_ Öztürk, Kaz\_m Bak\_\_, president of Limter\_\_ union, and seven others lodged formal complaints with the Eyüp State Prosecutor against the Governor of Istanbul, the Director and Deputy Directors of Istanbul Police and the police officers on duty on 7 March 2000. In their complaints they stated that while they were being arrested they were beaten by the officials on duty that day on the instructions of the Director and Deputy Directors of Police. Some of them sustained injuries as a result of being beaten and these injuries were documented in medical reports of which Amnesty International has received copies. The forensic report for Lawyer Kele\_ Öztürk issued on 7 March 2000 recorded 'a laceration on the left upper eyelid ... a linear abrasion measuring 3 x 4 cm on the anteriomedian of the left thigh'.

Special team and anti-riot police officers on the buses taking them to Istanbul Police Headquarters also reportedly told them that they were traitors like Süleyman Yeter and that they would kill them as they had killed Süleyman Yeter.

On 18 May the Eyüp State Prosecutor informed them that he had decided not to open an investigation into their complaint. They appealed against his decision on 2 June and the appeal has been sent to Beyo\_lu Penal Court for investigation.

In the meantime, a case has been opened against these individuals and others for holding an illegal demonstration on 7 March 2000.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or German:**

- expressing concern at reports that police hit individuals with truncheons and manhandled them when they broke up a commemoration service being held on behalf of trade unionist Süleyman Yeter

- asking for information about the investigation being conducted by Beyo\_lu Penal Court.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

Minister of Justice  
Prof Hikmet Sami Türk  
Ministry of Justice

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES TO:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of TURKEY accredited to your country.

**Please could appeal writers in EU member countries also send copies to their Minister of Foreign Affairs. Many thanks**

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 July 2000.