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Further information on EXTRA 35/92 (EUR 44/34/92, 26 March 1992) - Fear of torture/Death in custody

TURKEY: Bi_eng An_k (female), died in custody on 28 March
(student)

Halil U_ur (student)	detailed on 25 March
Hi_yar Uysal	" "
Sait Uysal	" "
_skan Uysal	" "
Faysal Uysal	" "
Agit Ayan	" "
Adem Özcan	" "
Sabri Bark_n, (village guard)	" "

Mehmet Batmaz detailed on 24 March

Mehmet Ayan	detailed on 23 March
Sabri Ayan	" "
Sabri Uçar	" "
_ükrü Uçar	" "

The Turkish newspaper Milliyet reported that the young girl Bi_eng An_k, a student who had been detained during police operations in __rnak on 25 March, had died in suspicious circumstances in police custody on 28 March.

The Governor of _irnak Province, Mustafa Malay, is reported to have issued a statement in connection with the incident: "Bi_eng An_k was detained on 25 March. When the custody rooms were crowded, some detainees were put in other rooms to testify. Together with the girl who committed suicide were two other girls. Therefore, Bi_eng was taken to another room used by the security forces. In that room she committed suicide with a gun she found under the bed. The autopsy showed that she committed suicide."

Amnesty International is deeply concerned about the above report and about the safety of those who were detained with Bi_eng An_k. It is feared that they are being subjected to torture while under interrogation in police custody.

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

- expressing deep concern at the reported death in custody of Bi_eng An_k on

28 March, the third day of her incommunicado detention;

- urging an immediate, full and impartial inquiry into the circumstances of her death including a second independent autopsy;

- requesting to be informed of its methods and findings;

- appealing that all those detained with her are allowed to see their relatives and lawyers promptly and that they are not ill-treated while being held.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 April 1992.