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Further information on UA 103/91 (EUR 44/37/91, 18 March 1991) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Dr Cemal Kahraman
 Mecit Akgün
 Süleyman Balan
 Mehmet Baysal
 Abdülhamit Aslan
 Muhittin Anter
 _ükrü Ekmen
 Aydin Do_an
 Mehmet Orhan

On 12 April 1991, Dr Cemal Kahraman, Mecit Akgün, Süleyman Balan and Mehmet Baysal were charged and committed to prison, first in Mardin and later to Diyarbakir Central Prison. The charges are, at present, not known. The other detainees were released. It appears that torture was applied during detention in police custody, but no details are yet available.

Dr Cemal Kahraman, from Nusaybin, a medical doctor, and the other persons named above were detained on 17 March 1991. They were held incommunicado at the Gendarmerie Regimental Headquarters in Mardin and it was feared that they were being subjected to torture.

No further action is required at this stage. Thanks to all participants for sending appeals.