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Further information on UA 173/01 (EUR 44/043/2001, 17 July 2001) and follow-up (EUR 44/044/2001, 20 July 2001) - Risk of torture and ill-treatment/ unlawful detention/ fear for safety

TURKEY Tekin Ülsen (m), aged 24

Tekin Ülsen was moved to prison in southeastern Turkey on 20 July, and is now at much less risk of torture.

A judge ordered that he be remanded to prison on 19 July, but the police took him to the Anti-Terror Branch of Police Headquarters in Diyarbak_r.

His lawyer has since been able to visit him in prison. Tekin Ülsen told him that he was arrested by four plainclothes police officers on 23 June and taken to Police Headquarters. He was blindfolded and questioned about the assassination of the former head of Diyarbak_r police, Gaffar Okkan, and five other police officers, by the armed opposition group *Hizbullah* in January 2001.

During his interrogation he alleges he was tortured with electric shocks, hosed with cold water, had his wrist cut and his testicles squeezed. On 24 June he says police officers took him to the Dicle (Tigris) river and threatened to kill him and his family. The torture and ill-treatment only stopped when Tekin Ülsen confessed under duress to the assassinations.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Those who wish to do so may send a final round of telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English, German or your own language:

- expressing concern at allegations that Tekin Ülsen was illegally detained and reportedly tortured in custody;
- calling for a full and impartial investigation into these allegations, with the results made public and those responsible brought to justice;
- urging the authorities to ensure that any statements made as a result of torture are excluded from evidence in any proceedings against him;
- asking for Tekin Ülsen to be compensated for any psychological or physical damage caused by torture, and urging that he is provided with appropriate treatment and rehabilitation.

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