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Further information on EXTRA 57/93 (EUR 44/51/93, 15 June 1993) - "Disappearance"/Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Ma_allah Suba__ Burhan Suba

Burhan Suba__ was released on 21 June 1993, while his brother Ma_allah Suba_ was brought to court, charged with supporting the illegal Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) and committed to prison.

They had been detained, together with a third brother, at their home in Istanbul in the early hours of 8 June. For at least a week they were not listed in the records of detainees held by the Anti-Terror Branch of Istanbul Police Headquarters where their names should have been entered immediately after they were taken into police custody. Neither of them was taken to the Forensic Medicine Institute for medical examination which is the prescribed routine procedure after detention. It is understood that the brothers were subjected to torture and that injuries to the soles of Ma_allah Suba__'s feet from falaka (beating the soles of the feet) were still visible after police custody.

No further action is required at this stage from the UA network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on Burhan and Ma allah Suba 's behalf.