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Further information on UA 286/94 (EUR 44/66/94, 22 July 1994) - Torture /
Fear of Torture / Arbitrary Detention

TURKEY
Cemil Timur)
Zeydin Timur) from Evrek village
_evket Timur)
Hasan Aykut
Fehim Yalçın from _epire village
Saadi Özlü and his brother
Osman Özlü from Sergivan village
and an estimated 1,500 Kurdish villagers, including women
and children

According to new reports, the villagers held in Evrek have been moved to Mezra village, a couple of hours' walk away.

Moreover, a clash between guerrillas of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) and the security forces is said to have occurred on 22 July near the town of Geçitli. The three villages of Aksu (Kurdish: Biloh), Binler_an (Çiçekli) and Derzengin, near Geçitli were evacuated by force and some of the houses destroyed. The villagers tried to move to Van and Hakkari, but were prevented by the security forces who reportedly are holding them by the road near Geçitli. The villagers, like those living around Evrek, belong to the Mamhuran tribe.

The local representative of the Turkish Human Rights Association is said to have repeatedly asked for a meeting with the governor of Hakkari province, which has been denied.

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

- expressing great concern about the reported detention, brutal treatment and torture of large numbers of Kurdish villagers, including women, children and old people, in containment areas set up after the forcible evacuation and destruction of their villages;
- urging that the identity cards of the villagers now moved from Evrek to Mezra village be returned to them;
- urging that these villagers and those held by the road near Geçitli be permitted to leave, unless charged with a criminal offence;
- seeking assurances that such large-scale and arbitrary detentions will cease immediately and that all allegations of ill-treatment and torture will be impartially investigated.

APPEALS TO:

1) Chief of the Turkish General Staff:
General Do_an Güre_

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Telegrams: General Güres, Bakanliklar, Ankara, Turkey
Faxes: +90 312 418 1795
Salutation: Dear General Güre_

2) Chief of Staff of the Gendarmerie:
 Orgeneral Ayd_n_lter
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 Bakanl_klar
 Ankara, Turkey
Telegrams: Jandarma Genel Komutani, Ankara, Turkey
Faxes: +90 312 418 0476
Salutation: Dear General_lter

3) Minister of the Interior:
 Mr Nahit Ment_e
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 Ankara, Turkey
Telegrams: Interior Minister, Ankara, Turkey
Faxes: +90 312 428 4346 [ok 8.6.93]
Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Minister of Foreign Affairs:
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 D_i_leri Bakanl____
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Faxes: 90 312 287 3869

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
 or your section office, if sending appeals after 6 September 1994.