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Further information on EXTRA 68/93 (EUR 44/69/93, 21 July 1993) -
"Disappearance"/Fear of Torture/Medical Concern

TURKEY: Tacettin Demir, correspondent for Özgür Gündem in Diyarin
Nezahat Özmen (female), correspondent for Özgür Gündem in
Mardin

Amnesty International has been informed that Tacettin Demir was released on 22 July 1993. So far no details are available about his treatment in police custody. No further appeals on his behalf are required at this stage.

Nezahat Özmen reportedly was severely tortured in spite of her seven-months pregnancy and had to be transferred to hospital due to her deteriorating condition and the possibility of a miscarriage. However, it is alleged that the police came to the hospital and insisted that she be taken before a judge and formally arrested, although she was still in need of continuing medical treatment. She was then committed to Mardin prison.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:

- urging that Nezahat Özmen, who is seven months pregnant, reportedly in ill-health after torture and currently held in Mardin prison, be allowed all medical treatment she may require, by a doctor of her choice;
- calling for an immediate, full and impartial investigation into the alleged torture of Nezahat Özmen at Mardin Police Headquarters between 16 and 19 July 1993;
- requesting to be informed of the charges against her.

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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 23 August 1993.