

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 63/96 (EUR 44/68/96, 9 May 1996) - Fear of torture / Health concern

TURKEY Ferzende Abi, Kurd aged 36

\_irin Abi, wife of Ferzende Abi, mother of seven  
Bazi Bor  
Ahmet Abi  
Aziz Timur

new names: Ali \_ahin  
Dündar \_ahin  
H\_d\_r Öter

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According to a press report Ferzende Abi, \_irin Abi and Bazi Bor were taken to court, charged and committed to prison. Three people detained with them, Ali \_ahin, Dündar \_ahin and H\_d\_r Öter, were released. The report does not mention Ahmet Abi and Aziz Timur or any other people detained around the same time.

However, it was noted that Ferzende Abi appeared in court with his arm bandaged while \_irin Abi was seen to be unable to walk, apparently due to torture. Reportedly Ferzende Abi had been taken to hospital when he lost consciousness due to a blow to his head while in custody and his wife \_irin had also been taken to hospital when she fell ill as a result of torture.

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

- expressing concern at a press report of 14 May 1996 that Ferzende Abi was seen in court following detention on 26 April with his arm in plaster and his wife, \_irin Abi, was seen to be unable to walk, apparently as a result of torture;
- urging that an immediate and thorough investigation be carried out into the cause of their condition;
- asking to be informed of its findings;
- seeking assurances that they are given all medical attention they may require.

**APPEALS TO:**

1. Van Chief Prosecutor:

Cumhuriyet Ba\_savc\_s\_  
Van Savc\_l\_\_\_\_  
Van, Turkey

**Telegrams: Cumhuriyet Savcisi, Van, Turkey**

**Salutation: Dear Prosecutor**

2. Interior Minister:

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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 20 June 1996.