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Further information on UA 182/91 (EUR 44/71/91, 29 May 1991) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY:Barbara Anna Kistler, Swiss Citizen

Barbara Anna Kistler was detained on 20 May 1991 (not 16 May as indicated in the original UA) and held incommunicado at the First (Political) Branch of Police Headquarters at Gayrettepe, Istanbul, in spite of applications by the Swiss Consul and Turkish lawyers to see her. On 31 May 1991 she was permitted to see her lawyers, who were reportedly warned by the police that they were not to discuss any aspects of her interrogation. Her Swiss lawyer noticed that she had bruises on her face and marks on her wrists.

Later that day, she and two other detainees from the same police operation were formally arrested on suspicion of being members of an armed organisation and committed to Sa_malc_lar prison.

The fear of torture is now past. Thanks to all those who sent appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the case and investigate any allegations of torture.