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Further information on EXTRA 71/92 (EUR 44/79/92, 24 August 1992) and follow-up EUR 44/80/92 of 25 August 1992 - Fear of torture

TURKEY: Fatma Gülten _e_en (female), owner of Mücadele newspaper
and President of the Istanbul Branch of TAYAD
Sultan Çelik (female)
Ufuk Demirkaya
Solmaz Tartar, President of the Istanbul Özgür-Der
Sirin Çelik (female), daughter of Sultan Çelik
Gülây Tan
Turan (surname unknown to Amnesty International)
Ya_a Güzel, Secretary General of Malatya Özgür-Der
Ayten Çelik

Amnesty International has been informed that two of the above detainees, 45-year-old Fatma Gülten _e_en and 50-year-old Sultan Çelik, have been subjected to torture, including hanging by the wrist and electric shocks, while they were being interrogated. This information came from people who were detained at the same time at Adana Police Station for another reason and who have since been released. The traces of ill-treatment have been confirmed by lawyers who have been allowed to visit the detainees. By decision of the prosecutor, the detention period of all detainees has been extended to 15 days. It is feared that all the detainees may be at risk of further torture while interrogated at Adana Police Station.

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

- expressing concern at the reported torture of Fatma Gülten _e_en and Sultan Çelik at Adana Police Station;

- urging that the reported torture is investigated and that those responsible are brought to justice;

- urging that they are given all medical attention they may require;

- appealing that all the detainees named above are not subjected to any further ill-treatment in custody;

- asking to be informed about any charges which have been brought against the detainees.

APPEALS TO:

1) Adana Chief of Police:

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Adana, Turkey

Telegrams: Emniyet Muduru, Adana, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Please check with the International Secrateriat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 September 1992.