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Further information on EXTRA 158/97 (EUR 44/81/97, 19 November 1997) and follow-up (EUR 44/83/97, 24 November) - Fear of "disappearance" / Torture

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Ömer Yüksel  
Hüseyin Karakoyun,  
Ismet Karakoyun  
M. Ali Yüksel  
Ali Erol  
Musa Erol  
Ahmet Turgay,  
\_ehmuz Yeter,  
Izzet Yeter  
Ahmet Yavuz  
\_erif Yurt  
Oktay Yurt  
Fikret Yurt  
\_ehmuz Açan  
Abdullah Baran  
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Mustafa Ak\_n  
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Of those detained from Ç\_narönü village on 11 November, Mehmet Ali Yüksel, \_ehmuz Yeter (possibly Yatak), Abdullah Baran, Ahmet Yavuz, and Mahmut Çakmak (new name) were arrested on charges of supporting the PKK and committed to Mardin Prison, where they are now held. It is not clear how long they were held in custody, but according to reports, they have confirmed that they were tortured while being interrogated by the gendarmes. Other detainees appear to have been released, but this is difficult to establish as the inhabitants of the village are dispersed over a wide area. Some of the 19 households who were burned out of their homes have migrated to Bismil and Diyarbak\_r. Some report that they lost money and jewellery when the security forces searched their homes.

An attempt to examine the situation on the ground was made by Hüseyin Y\_ld\_z, parliamentary deputy for the Welfare Party in Mardin, and a member of the Parliamentary Commission on Migration who came to Mardin on 29 November. He apparently abandoned his attempt to reach the village after he was told by the Governor and Chief of Police of Mardin that Ç\_narönü was deserted. Amnesty International's information suggests that most of the houses are still inhabited.

We will seek further information and update the network. No more appeals at this stage. Thanks to all who took action.