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Further information on EXTRA 71/92 (EUR 44/79/92, 24 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 (female)
Turan (surname unknown to Amnesty International)
Ya_ar Güzel, President of Malatya Özgür-Der
Ayten Çelik

All the detainees named above were released on 30 August 1992 by Adana prosecutor's office. They all report that they were tortured during police custody. The methods used included hanging by the wrists or arms, being given electric shocks, falaka (beating on the soles of the feet) and being laid down on blocks of ice. This practice of laying detainees on blocks of ice for long periods to force down their body temperature is a form of torture frequently reported by those held at Adana Police Station. Gülây Tan who is pregnant said that she was beaten. They intend to make a formal complaint about their alleged torture.

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

- urging that the allegations of torture be impartially and fully investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

PLEASE SEND COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Please check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 7 October 1992.