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Further information on EXTRA 106/95 (EUR 44/93/95, 14 September 1995) and follow-up (EUR 44/94/95, 15 September) - Fear of "disappearance" / Torture

TURKEYZafer K_rb_y_k, student, aged 24

Firdevs K_rb_y_k (f), his sister, board member of Health Workers' Union (Tüm Sa_l_k Sen)

On 23 September, Firdevs K_rb_y_k, who had been detained in Mersin on 15 September as she was searching for her "disappeared" brother, was transferred to the Anti-Terror Branch of the police in Ankara. The prosecutor in Ankara has given the police permission to hold her for further interrogation until 5 October.

Her brother Zafer K_rb_y_k was formally arrested on 25 September. He was then committed to Mersin E-type Closed Prison to serve his 12-year prison sentence. It appears that a further prosecution for membership of an illegal organization may be brought against him in Konya State Security Court.

His father was able to see him briefly in Mersin prison. Zafer K_rb_y_k told him that he and his sister were tortured in police custody in Mersin, but gave no details. It is feared that Firdevs K_rb_y_k is being subjected to further torture at the Anti-Terror Branch of Ankara Police Headquarters.

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

- expressing concern about the reported torture of Zafer K_rb_y_k and his sister Firdevs K_rb_y_k in police custody in Mersin between 12 and 25 September 1995;
- expressing concern also for the safety of Firdevs K_rb_y_k who has been transferred to Ankara for further interrogation until 5 October;
- seeking assurances that she not be subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- urging that she be granted access to her family and lawyer without further delay;
- seeking information about the accusations brought against her.

APPEALS TO:

1. Ankara Chief of Police:

Mr Orhan Ta_anlar
Ankara Emniyet Müdürlü_ü
Ankara, Turkey

Telegrams: Emniyet Muduru, Ankara, Turkey

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2. State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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Mr Nahit Mente_e
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Salutation: Dear 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 15 October 1995.