



prisoners were being held in Turkey and that due to the rate of arrests this number would soon reach 10,000. The vast majority of these political prisoners are suspected or convicted members or supporters of the PKK. For the past 100 days, those currently on trial have boycotted PKK trial hearings in State Security Courts all over Turkey and, as a consequence, numerous violent incidents have been reported from the E-Type and Special Type prisons where these Kurdish political prisoners are held.

The conflict in southeast Turkey between government forces and guerrillas of the PKK has claimed nearly 13,000 lives since it began in August 1984. Police operations against suspected PKK supporters are being carried out all over Turkey. A state of emergency remains in force in 10 provinces in the east and southeast where police and gendarmerie have the right to hold political suspects incommunicado for up to one month.

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

- expressing grave concern about the reported severe ill-treatment of 306 political prisoners from Wards 18, 27 and 31 of Diyarbakır E-Type Prison on 4 and 5 October 1994;
- urging that all injured prisoners are given the medical treatment they may require and that they are not discharged while still in need of treatment;
- urging that immediate investigations be carried out into the alleged ill-treatment, and into the death of Ramazan Özüak, and that those responsible be brought to justice, asking to be informed of the findings of these investigations;
- urging that future prison transfers are carried out in a humane manner.

*Please bring to the attention of the Medical Coordinator in your Section.*

**APPEALS TO**

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

2) Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbakır State Security Court:

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**Telegrams: DGM Bassavcısı, Diyarbakır, Turkey**

**Salutation: Dear Sir**

3) Emergency Legislation Governor:

Mr Ünal Erkan  
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**Salutation: Dear Governor**

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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 16 November 1994.