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Further information on UA 337/94 (EUR 44/95/94, 14 September 1994) - and follow-ups (EUR 44/103/94, 26 September 1994; EUR 44/115/94 7 October) - Fear of Torture / "Disappearance"

Turkey:Mehmet Balamir, newspaper distributor for Özgür Ülke Kadriye Özcanl_, (f), office manager of Özgür Ülke in D'bak_r

Gürsel _ahin, 23 }
Nezahat Özen, (f) } correspondents for Özgür Ülke
Metin Da_, }
Vehbiye Tüzün, (f) }

Nezahat Özen has been formally arrested and committed to Diyarbak_r Prison. She was reportedly tortured in police custody, including being hung up by the wrists.

Amnesty International has also been informed that Metin Da_ and Vehbiye Tüzün, who are still in detention, are in bad health as a result of torture. Vehbiye Tüzün has reportedly suffered a haemorrhage. Under current legislation, Metin Da_ may be held until 20 October and Vehbiye Tüzün until 2 November. There has been no further information concerning Gürsel _ahin, but it is thought that he has been released.

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

- expressing your concern at reports that Nezahat Özen, Metin Da_ and Vehbiye Tüzün have been tortured while in detention at the Gendarmerie Regimental Headquarters in Diyarbak r;

urging that Metin Da_ and Vehbiye Tüzün, who are reportedly in ill health as a result of torture, are given all the medical treatment they may require;
appealing that the detainees are given access to their families and lawyers;
asking to be informed of their state of health and of any charges which may be brought against them.

APPEALS TO:

1) Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbak_r State Security Court: DGM Ba_savcisi Devlet Güvenlik Mahkemesi Diyarbak_r, Turkey Telegrams: DGM Bassavcisi, Diyarbakir, Turkey Salutation: Dear Sir

2) Chief of Staff of the Gendarmerie: Orgeneral Ayd_n _lter Jandarma Kuvvetleri Komutanl____ Bakanl_klar Ankara, Turkey Telegrams: Jandarma Genel Komutani, Ankara, Turkey Faxes: +90 312 418 0476 Salutation: Dear General

3) Minister of the Interior: Mr Nahit Mente_e __ci_leri Bakanl____ 06644 Ankara, Turkey Telegrams: Interior Minister, Ankara, Turkey Faxes: +90 312 428 4346 Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Prof Mümtaz Soysal D_i_leri Bakanl____ 06100 Ankara, Turkey Faxes: 90 312 287 1886

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 2 November 1994.