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Further information on EXTRA 89/92 (EUR 44/111/92, 29 October 1992) and follow-up EUR 44/113/92 of 3 November 1992 - Fear of Torture/Death in Custody

TURKEY:Mustafa Ya_ar

_aban Budak
Remzi Basalak

Mustafa Ya_ar has been formally arrested by Adana Criminal Court and transferred from police custody to Adana E-Type Prison. He was charged with armed robbery and is to stand trial in the State Security Court in Malatya.

Mustafa Ya_ar alleged that he was severely tortured at Adana Police Headquarters, this included being suspended and being subjected to electric shocks. After being tortured he did not have proper use of his arms and could no longer feel his fingers. When he was routinely taken to the Forensic Medicine Institute for medical examination before transfer to prison, the doctor took no notice of his complaint of torture, although there were small burn marks of electric torture on his body.

Mustafa Ya_ar did not see Remzi Basalak at Adana Police Headquarters except when they were shown together to the press on the day they were apprehended, 23 October 1992. On that occasion Remzi Basalak appeared to be healthy. He died in police custody at Adana Police Headquarters the same day. Mustafa Ya_ar was subsequently told by the police that Remzi had been sent to Istanbul for interrogation and that the interrogation period had been extended to 15 days.

Amnesty International does not have any new information regarding the death of Saban Budak who was shot by police after an armed robbery.

We will keep Urgent Action participants informed as further details become available.

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

- expressing concern about Mustafa Ya_ar's allegations of torture at Adana Police Headquarters;
- calling for a full, impartial and prompt investigation into the deaths of Saban Budak and Remzi Basalak, including a second independent autopsy of both;
- requesting to be informed of the findings.

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of the Interior:

Mr _smet Sezgin

Salutation: Dear Minister

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2) Prime Minister:

Mr Süleyman Demirel

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Mr Bekir Aksoy

Salutation: Dear Governor

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Commission

President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission

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TBMM

Ankara, Turkey

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 12 December 1992.