

EXTERNAL

AI Index: EUR 44/123/95

EXTRA 133/95

Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture 6 November 1995

TURKEYNevin Yakut (f)

Fatma Ayy_ld_z (f), aunt of Nevin Yakut

Fahri Azbay

Fatma K_l_ç (f)

Melek (f) family name not known

Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of the five people named above who are believed to be in incommunicado police custody in Diyarbak_r.

The five have not been seen since leaving the HADEP building in the Ofis district of Diyarbak_r on 5 November 1995 (HADEP - People's Democracy Party - is a legal political party with a predominantly Kurdish membership). Nevin Yakut works in the office of the Diyarbak_r branch of the Turkish Human Rights Association (HRA), but is not a member of the HRA. The others are not HRA members either, but members of the local HADEP youth committee.

Appeals on their behalf have been made to the Minister for Human Rights. Reportedly he was told by an officer at Diyarbak_r Police Headquarters that the five were not in police custody.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Officials and members of HADEP continue to face grave risks. More than 100 officials and members of HADEP and its two predecessor parties HEP and DEP (both closed by the Constitutional Court for "separatism") have been killed and numerous others are in prison on charges of membership, or support, of PKK. Many party offices in the southeast have been closed down.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Nevin Yakut, Fatma Ayy_ld_z, Fahri Azbay, Fatma K_l_ç and Melek (family name not known), believed to have been held in incommunicado police detention in Diyarbak_r since 5 November 1995;
- urging that the whereabouts of the five be established without delay and that their relatives and lawyers are informed;
- asking to be informed of the results of the investigation;
- appealing that they not be subjected to torture or any form of ill-treatment if held in custody;
- requesting to be informed of any charges brought against them.

APPEALS TO:

1) State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:

Mr Adnan Ekmen

Office of the Prime Minister

Ba_bakanl_k

06573 Ankara, Turkey

Faxes: +90 312 417 0476

Salutation: Dear Minister

2. Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbak_r State Security Court:

Mr Bekir Selçuk

DGM Ba_savc_s_

Devlet Güvenlik Mahkemesi

Diyarbak_r, Turkey

Telegrams: DGM Bassavcisi, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

3. Diyarbak_r Chief of Police:

Mr R_dvan Güler

Diyarbak_r Emniyet Müdürlü_ü

Diyarbak_r, Turkey

Telegrams: Emniyet Mudurlugu, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

4. Diyarbak_r Gendarmerie Commander:

General Altay Tokat

Diyarbak_r Jandarma Komutanl____

Diyarbak_r, Turkey

Telegrams: General Tokat, Jandarma, Diyarbak_r, Turkey

Salutation: Dear General

COPIES TO:

President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission:

Mr Sabri Yavuz

nsan Haklar Ara_t_rma Komisyonu Ba_kan_

TBMM

Ankara, Turkey

Faxes: +90 312 420 5394

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 18 December 1995.