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Further information on EXTRA 138/95 (EUR 44/129/95, 10 November 1995) - Fear of torture / Fear of "disappearance" and new concern: Possible extrajudicial executions

TURKEYAbdulgazi I__K, aged 56

new names: Ramazan Ayhan, aged 45
 Fehmi Akyürek, aged 22

It has been reported that the bodies of Abdulgazi I__k, Ramazan Ayhan and Fehmi Akyürek were found on or around 9 November 1995 on the bank of the Tigris river, near the village of Çar_kl_fabrikas_köyü, some eight kilometres south of Diyarbak_r. Reportedly, they were found with their hands tied behind their backs and bearing marks of torture. The bodies were taken to the state hospital morgue in Diyarbak_r where their families collected them later for burial.

Fehmi Akyürek was a soldier, who, since 11 October, had been on a 29-day-leave from K_rklareli P_narhisar where he was doing his military service. He and his friend Ramazan Ayhan from Ayn_ village were last seen on 26 October 1995 in the Bursa café near the Ulucami mosque in Diyarbak_r. As they left, Fehmi Akyürek met his brother and told him that he was going home. However, he never arrived back home. According to his family he had never been detained before and was not wanted by the police.

Abdulgazi I__k had been detained on 28 October by plainclothes police officers in front of his sister's house in the _ehitlik district of Diyarbak_r.

After their "disappearance" the families of the three men had submitted petitions for information of their whereabouts to the relevant authorities, which either remained unanswered or received a negative response.

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

- expressing outrage at the murder of Abdulgazi I__k, "disappeared" since 28 October 1995, and of Fehmi Akyürek and Ramazan Ayhan, "disappeared" since 26 October, all three in Diyarbak_r;
- urging that a full and thorough investigation be carried out without delay into their deaths by a commission as envisaged in the UN Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions;
- requesting to be informed of the results of the investigation.

APPEALS TO:

1) Deputy Prime Minister:

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Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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COPIES TO:

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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 31 December 1995.