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Further information on UA 360/91 (EUR 44/139/91, 29 October 1991 and follow-up EUR 44/145/91, 6 November 1991) - Torture / Health Concern / "Disappearance"

Please note new concern - "disappearance"

TURKEY:Hüseyin TORAMAN, aged 24

There is increasing concern about the reported "disappearance" of Hüseyin Toraman who is said to be wanted for his alleged activities for an illegal political organization.

Eye-witnesses, including his wife, his landlord and a neighbour, reported that they saw him being detained outside his home in Istanbul on the morning of 27 October 1991 by three plainclothes police officers. The car, in which he was taken away, is said to be a white Fiat with the registration number 34-ATZ-56. A fellow-detainee, now held in prison, reportedly saw Hüseyin Toraman at Gebze Police Headquarters on 30 October 1991, when he appeared very exhausted. However, the police authorities in Istanbul, Gebze and Izmit denied holding him when his parents and lawyer made repeated inquiries into his present whereabouts.

It is now 18 days since Hüseyin Toraman, who suffers from asthma and a slipped disc, was reportedly detained. Normally, the police would have to seek permission from the prosecutor's office if they want to hold a detainee longer than 24 hours, but reportedly no such request was received by the prosecutor's office. In view of similar cases of "disappearance", including that of Yusuf Eri_t_i on 14 March, also in Istanbul, there are grave fears for Hüseyin Toraman's safety.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging an immediate and thorough investigation into the present whereabouts and state of health of Hüseyin Toraman.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 December 1991.