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Further information on UA 376/91 (EUR 44/148/91, 7 November 1991) - Fear of Ill-treatment/Health Concern

<b>TURKEY:</b>	<b>Mahmut Akta_</b>	<b>Ma_uk Sami</b>
	Mustafa Karasu	_brahim Uluta_
	Sabri Ok	Muzaffer Ayata
	Mehmet Can Yüce	Mehmet Emin K_l_ç
	Halil Kaya	_smet Haro
	R_za Altun	Y_lmaz Da_l_
	Celalettin Can	Hüseyin Y_ld_r_m
	Feridun Y_lmaz	Co_kun Al_çl_
	Birol _aman	Fevzi I__k
	Selahattin _im_ek	
	Sadrettin K_z_lkay_n, lawyer	
	Deniz Teztel (female), journalist	
	Hatice Temel (female)	
	Hatice Suna (female)	
	Songül Özdemir (female)	
	and about 190 other political prisoners	

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On 11 November 1991 the Turkish press reported that a group of lawyers, who had seen clients in Eski\_ehir Special Type Prison, stated that most prisoners there were half naked and unable to walk.

A group of 14 doctors were allowed into the prison to examine prisoners. After they had prepared medical reports, the Turkish Medical Association announced on 18 November 1991 that 119 out of 198 prisoners examined had bruises and small wounds caused by torture and beating.

Two lawyers who had visited clients in Eski\_ehir prison alleged on 20 November 1991 that many prisoners were not given access to doctors, that those needing to be hospitalized were not sent to hospital and that those needing medication were not given enough or any medicine at all. They named in particular the prisoners Mustafa Karasu, Ma\_uk Sami, \_brahim Uluta\_, Muzaffer Ayata, Hatice Temel, Mehmet Emin K\_l\_ç, \_smet Haro, Y\_lmaz Da\_l\_ and Hüseyin Y\_ld\_r\_m as receiving only inadequate medical treatment.

The prisoners at Eski\_ehir Special Type Prison are still being held in isolation and many have gone on hunger-strike in protest. In a letter one prisoner stated that

"...you cannot see even the face of a warder, let alone another prisoner. Communication is by voice only. As I have been on hunger-strike since I came here, I have not seen any food, but I think the practice is to push the food under the door. Dogs are more fortunate than those members of the human race who are here. To degrade a person and leave him to die in such a place as this...horrifying! Even if this was a decent place, just not being able to see the sun would make a person rot away. The other dangerous thing about this place is that none of the other prisoners would have any idea if you were strangled in the corner of your cell. We should not be surprised if people were strangled and then said to have "committed suicide". In short, we are buried alive here..."

Political prisoners in other prisons and their relatives have gone on solidarity hunger-strike. Five out of 19 prisoners who had been on hunger-strike at Ankara Central Close Prison for 19 days were hospitalized on 19 November 1991, reportedly in critical condition due to serious dehydration.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

After two political prisoners escaped in Ankara on 29 October 1991, the authorities transferred more than 200 political prisoners from all over Turkey to Eski\_ehir Special Type Prison where allegedly they were ill-treated upon arrival and are now being held in conditions of extreme social isolation.

In April 1991 the Anti-Terror Law was introduced. Under Article 16, any prisoner awaiting trial or standing trial or convicted under the provisions of this new law is to be held in severe solitary confinement.

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

- calling for an immediate, thorough and independent investigation into the alleged ill-treatment;
- asking that all sick prisoners be given adequate medical attention;
- appealing that the prisoners held in Eski\_ehir Special Type Prison should not be subjected to the conditions of severe isolation provided for by Article 16 of the Anti-Terror Law;
- urging that immediate consideration be given to the repeal of Article 16 of the Anti-Terror Law.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 January 1992.