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**TURKEY:Hüseyin Toraman, aged 24**

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It is now 25 days since Hüseyin Toraman was taken into custody by three plainclothes police officers outside his home in Istanbul on the morning of 27 October 1991. The arrest has been confirmed by three witnesses and officers from the local police station at Kocamustafapa\_a who had been called to the scene by a neighbour who suspected that Huseyin Toraman was being kidnapped. However, all relevant police authorities denied holding him when his parents and lawyers made inquiries as to his whereabouts.

During the last week there have been two separate confirmations that he has been seen alive on the sixth floor of Istanbul Police Headquarters at Gayrettepe, most recently on 20 November. No information has been received about the state of health of Hüseyin Toraman, who suffers from asthma and a slipped disc.

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

- pointing out that under the Turkish Criminal Procedure Code, the maximum term of police custody is 15 days;
- urging that Hüseyin Toraman be immediately brought before a judge for formal arrest or be released.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 January 1992.