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and about 180 (please note corrected figure) other political prisoners

In a meeting on the night of 24 November 1991, the Council of Ministers decided to move all prisoners from Eski\_ehir Special Type Prison and to close the prison. This decision was taken after the Minister of Justice and the newly appointed State Minister in charge of human rights, reported on their visit to the prison in response to protests of prisoners and their relatives at ill-treatment of the prisoners after their recent transfer to Eski\_ehir and at their solitary confinement there. It was announced that, starting from today, the prisoners will be given medical examinations and then transferred back to their former prisons.

After the general elections on 20 October 1991, a new government was formed by a coalition of the True Path Party (DYP) of Prime Minister Süleyman Demirel, and the Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP), which were both in opposition during the previous legislature. The coalition created the new post of a State Minister with the portfolio of human rights.

Amnesty International continues to appeal for a repeal of Article 16 of the Anti-Terror Law which provides for the solitary confinement of all prisoners who are being held under this law, whether still on remand or convicted.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send a final round of airmail letters:**

- welcoming that prisoners in Eski\_ehir Special Type Prison will be given medical examinations and then transferred back to their former prisons;
- urging that immediate consideration be given to the repeal of Article 16 of the Anti-Terror Law.

**APPEALS TO:**

Minister of Justice  
Mr Seyfi Oktay  
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Dear Minister

**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Turkey in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Please check with the International Secretariat or your section office if sending appeals after 6 January 1992.