

EXTERNAL

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Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of  
extrajudicial execution / Fear of torture 3 October 1996

TURKEYSorohan Yalman

Ramazan Karasu  
Sehebettin Karasu  
Ramazan Erçik  
Mehmet Emin Erçik  
Omar Erçik  
Ömer Erçik  
Besir Erçik  
Salih Erçik  
Mehmet Emin Sadak  
Hac\_Sadak  
Tahir Sadak  
Mehmet Emin Sadak (not same person as above)  
Ihsan Sadak  
Burhan Sultan  
..... Sultan (f) wife of Burhan Sultan's uncle  
Maruf ....  

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Mehmet ....  
Hasan ....  
Tavfik ....  
Salih ....  
plus scores of other villagers from Özen village

Amnesty International is gravely concerned for the safety of the villagers named above from Özen village (local name: Harabêtuwa) near Idil in the province of \_\_rnak, close to the border with Syria, who were detained around 30 September 1996 and taken to an undisclosed location, following an incident near the village.

On 28 September 1996 a military vehicle was reportedly blown up outside Özen village, killing several soldiers. The security forces subsequently raided the village and detained some 60 villagers. They ordered the village to be evacuated by the evening of 2 October, otherwise it would be razed to the ground. It is thought that the detained villagers may have been taken to military barracks in Idil. Under emergency legislation in force in \_\_rnak province they can be held for up to 30 days.

Özen village, which at one time housed some 170 families, has repeatedly been raided and searched by the security forces during the past five years. The village had agreed to join the village guard system (villagers armed and paid by the government to fight the PKK), but reportedly had handed back their weapons some time ago for fear of reprisals from the PKK.

Fears for the villagers' safety are heightened by previous incidents where detained villagers have "disappeared" without a trace or where the bodies of some were found later, in some instances mutilated and bearing marks of torture as in the case of Süleyman Seyhan (see update to EXTRA 142/95, 2 April 1996, EUR 44/51/96). The six young people detained with Süleyman Seyhan have never been found. Another case is that of the villagers of Alaca village near Kulp in the province of Diyarbak\_r (see background to UA 169/96, EUR 44/103/96, 4 July 1996).

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

- expressing concern for the fate of some 60 villagers from Özen village near Cizre/\_\_\_rnak province who are being held at an unknown location since around 30 September 1996;
- urging that their whereabouts be established without delay, their detention duly registered and their relatives promptly informed;
- appealing that they not be subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment;
- asking to be informed of the outcome of the investigation and any charges brought against the villagers.

**APPEALS TO:**

1. Chief State Prosecutor in Cizre:

Cumhuriyet Ba\_savc\_s\_  
Hükümet Kona\_\_  
Cizre, Turkey

**Telegrams: Cumhuriyet Bassavcısı, Cizre, Turkey**

**Salutation: Dear Prosecutor**

2. Idil Local Governor:

Idil Kaymakam\_  
Idil Kaymakaml\_k  
Idil near Cizre, Turkey

**Telegrams: Idil Kaymakami, Cizre, Turkey**

**Salutation: Dear Governor**

3. Emergency Legislation Governor:

Mr Necati Bilican  
Ola\_anüstü Hal Valisi  
Diyarbak\_r, Turkey

**Telegrams: Olaganustu Hal Valisi, Diyarbakir, Turkey**

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**Faxes: +90 412 224 3572**

**Salutation: Dear Governor**

4. State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:

Mr Lütfü Esengül  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Ba\_bakanl\_k  
06573 Ankara, Turkey

**Telegrams: Prime Minister, Ankara, Turkey**

**Telexes: 44061/44062/44063 bbmt tr; 42099 basb tr**

**Faxes: +90 312 417 0476**

**Salutation: Dear Minister**

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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 15 November 1996.