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Further information on UA 475/90 (EUR 44/170/90, 22 November) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Ibrahim \_ahin, aged 45-50  
Nihat Özcan  
Zeynep Polat (f)  
Leyla Polat (f), daughter of Zeynep Polat  
\_engül Mert (f)

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Amnesty International has received reports that \_brahim \_ahin was released by an Istanbul court on 29 November, but that he was detained again soon afterwards. His family have established that he is being held again at the First (Political) Branch of \_stanbul Police Headquarters and it is feared that he is being tortured. He had originally been detained along with four others on 16 November.

The four people originally detained with him are believed to have been released. There is no information as to their treatment in detention. However, another group of detainees taken into police custody two days earlier alleged that they themselves were all subjected to torture which included electric shocks, beating of the soles of the feet and being suspended.

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

- urging that \_brahim \_ahin is given prompt access to his family and lawyer and that he is not ill-treated while in detention;
- requesting to be informed of any charges against him.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 January 1991.