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Further information on UA 173/95 (EUR 61/04/95, 14 July 1995) - Fear for safety, and new concern Possible prisoners of conscience

TURKMENISTAN: Azhdar AMANMURADOV (_____ in cyrillic)
Alamurad AMANMURADOV (_____)
GELENOV (first name unknown) (_____)
AMANOV (first name unknown) (_____)
and up to 200 other people, names unknown

Amnesty International has received information that up to 200 people have been detained by Turkmen law enforcement officials since the unprecedented anti-government demonstration on 12 July in the Turkmen capital, Ashgabat. They include four people, identified as having been among the organizers of the demonstration, who have been named by unofficial sources as brothers Azhdar and Alamurad Amanmuradov and two people identified only by the surnames Gelenov and Amanov. The detainees are allegedly being held in the police station in Ashgabat's Kopet-dag district. Amnesty International believes that they may be prisoners of conscience, and remains concerned for their safety and well-being.

In reaction to foreign reporting of the 12 July demonstration, the Turkmen authorities put out a statement saying that the demonstration had not been a political protest but an "anti-social provocation" by people "high on drugs and alcohol".

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in Russian, English or your own language:

- to release from detention immediately anyone involved in the 12 July demonstration in Ashgabat who has been detained solely for exercising their fundamental human rights to freedom of association and expression;
- to explain the reasons for the detention of Azhdar Amanmuradov, Alamurad Amanmuradov, Gelenov and Amanov;
- to guarantee the physical safety and well-being of all persons who have been detained in connection with the 12 July demonstration.

APPEALS TO:

1. President of Turkmenistan, Saparmurad Atayevich Niyazov
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Salutation: Dear President Niyazov

2. Procurator General of Turkmenistan, Turbanmukhamed Kasimov
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g. Ashgabat
Prokuratura Turkmenistana

Generalnomu prokuroru KASIMOVU T.

Telegrams: Turkmenistan, Ashgabat, Prokuratura, Gen. prokuroru Kasimovu.

Salutation: Dear Procurator General

3. Minister of Internal Affairs, Gurbanmukhamed Kasymov

Turkmenistan

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MVD Turkmenistana

Ministru KASYMOVU G.

Telegrams: Turkmenistan, Ashgabat, MVD, Ministru Kasymovu

Salutation: Dear Minister

4. Chairman of the Committee for State Security, Saparmurad Seidov

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

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and to diplomatic representatives of TURKMENISTAN accredited to your country.

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