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Further information on EXTRA 87/92 (EUR 61/04/92, 27 October 1992) and follow-ups EUR 61/07/92, 10 November 1992 and EUR 61/09/92, 7 December 1992 - House arrest

TURKMENISTAN: Ak-Mukhammed VEL SAPAR

Khudayberdi KHALLI

Nurberdi NURMAMEDOV

Aman GOSHAYEV

] please note

Mukhamedmurat SALAMATOV

] corrected names

and at least five others including:

new names:

Akbabek ATAYEVA (female)

Amana GOVSHUDOVA (female)

Shokhrat KADYROV

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Ak-Mukhammed VEL SAPAR, Khudayberdi KHALLI, Nurberdi NURMAMEDOV, Aman GOSHAYEV, Mukhamedmurat SALAMATOV and at least five others whose names were initially not known to Amnesty International, were released from house arrest on 8 December 1992. They had been placed under house arrest on 2 December, in many cases for the second time since October 1992 (see EXTRA 87/92, EUR 61/04/92, 27 October 1992), to prevent them attending a human rights conference in neighbouring Kyrgyzstan. Their release came a day after the conference ended.

Amnesty International has learned that among the others placed under house arrest were Akbabek ATAYEVA, Amana GOVSHUDOVA and Shokhrat KADYROV. Akbabek ATAYEVA is a member of the non-violent Agzybirlik political opposition movement and had been among those under house arrest for around a week at the end of October. Amana GOVSHUDOVA is a member of the unregistered opposition Democratic Development Party and Shokhrat KADYROV is described as a political scientist.

Amnesty International believes that the repeated detention of these people under house arrest is in direct violation of their rights to freedom of association and freedom of movement.

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

- welcoming the release of Ak-Mukhammed VELSAPAR, Khudayberdi KHALLI, Nurberdi NURMAMEDOV, Aman GOSHAYEV, Mukhamedmurat SALAMATOV, Akbabek ATAYEVA, Amana GOVSHUDOVA, Shokhrat KADYROV and others from house arrest.

- calling on the Turkmen authorities to refrain from placing under house arrest people who try to exercise their fundamental human rights, and to respect internationally recognized human rights standards concerning freedom of association, including the International Covenant on Civil and

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Political Rights and the Concluding Document of the Copenhagen Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

**APPEALS TO:**

1. President of Turkmenistan, Saparmurad Niyazov:

Turkmenistan

g. Ashgabat

Prezidentu Turkmenistana

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**Salutation: Dear President Niyazov**

2. Minister of Internal Affairs of Turkmenistan, Sedar Charyyarov:

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MVD Turkmenistana

Ministru CHARYYAROVU S.

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkmenistan accredited to your country (these are usually to be found at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, the former Soviet Embassy).

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.**