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Further information on UA 345/97 (EUR 61/13/97, 4 November 1997) - Possible prisoner of conscience / Fear for safety

TURKMENISTANYovshan ANNAKURBANOV, independent journalist
(_____ in Russian)

According to news reports from Ashgabat, Yovshan Annakurbanov was released from detention on 12 November 1997. His release by the Turkmenistan authorities was reportedly influenced by the appeals of international organizations such as Amnesty International.

Yovshan Annakurbanov's personal documents have, however, reportedly been confiscated by the Turkmen authorities and he is therefore unable to travel to Prague as intended. His arrest occurred at the international airport on 30 October as he was about to depart for a training seminar with *Radio Liberty* in Prague.

It is not known if any criminal charges have been brought against him.

Thankyou to all those who sent appeals. No further action is needed.