

EXTERNAL

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**Further information on EXTRA 181/96 (EUR 44/178/96, 22 November 1996) - Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture**

**TURKEY\_irin Bayram, Kurdish building worker, aged 17  
Ramazan Tekin, Kurdish farmer, aged 62, father of six**

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No information has been forthcoming on the whereabouts of \_irin Bayram and Ramazan Tekin since they were detained in Demirli village (local name: Tem\_ran) between Hazro and Kulp, Diyarbak\_r province, on 2 November 1996. Fears for their safety have been heightened by the recent discovery of the bodies of three Kurdish men taken into custody in Diyarbak\_r between 29 November and 9 December 1996.

On 23 December 1996 the bodies of Atilla Korkmaz, aged 26, and Mahmut Önerar\_, aged 31, were found by a main road near Ad\_yaman. According to a newspaper report their hands were tied, their mouths taped and they had been killed with a shot to the head. When relatives saw them later at the morgue for identification, they noticed bruising and marks of blows. The body of Tevfik Kusun, aged 36, was found near Ad\_yaman on 7 January 1997.

Atilla Korkmaz, the owner of the Centrum supermarket in the Bat\_kent district of Diyarbak\_r, was reportedly detained at 1.30pm on 9 December 1996. Four plainclothes police officers carrying walkie-talkies took him away from his shop in a Renault car with the licence number 21 AV 545. Relatives identified his body on 2 January 1997.

Mahmut Önerar\_, a minibus driver working on the Diyarbak\_r-Lice route and a father of four, was reportedly detained as he was waiting at the Lice minibus stop in Diyarbak\_r at 12 noon on 8 December 1996. Three plainclothes police officers carrying walkie-talkies approached him, saying that they wanted to question him, and took him away in a Renault Toros car with the licence number 21 AV 305. Since then his family had no news of him. He was previously detained in 1992 and had received threats on several occasions.

Tevfik Kusun, a building worker, was detained on 29 November 1996 at 2pm on a building site in the village 500 Evler near Diyarbak\_r. Reportedly four plainclothes police officers took him away in a white Toros car with the licence number 72 AN 938. According to eye-witnesses the vehicle entered Diyarbak\_r Police Headquarters, but when relatives made inquiries at Police Headquarters the detention was denied. His body was found on 7 January by the Ad\_yaman-Bozova road. Tevfik Kusun's brother Fahri Kusun had been found dead in August 1995 and his uncle Abdülbaki I\_k in November 1995 (see EXTRA 138/95, 10 and 23 November 1995), both reportedly after having been detained.

Amnesty International wrote to the Justice Minister on 13 December regarding these and other cases of alleged "disappearance", but has received no reply so far. Mahmut Mordeniz, detained on 28 November 1996 at 10am in a market in the Unkap\_ district of Diyarbak\_r, and his wife Fahriye Mordeniz, detained at their home on the same day at about 11 am, as well as Hakk\_Kaya and Ramazan Yaz\_c\_ (see EXTRA 188/96 of 6 December 1996 and 8 January 1997) remain unaccounted for in police custody.

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

- noting with deep concern the discovery on 23 December and 7 January of the bodies of Atilla Korkmaz, Mahmut Önerar\_ and Tevfik Kusun near Ad\_yaman, all previously "disappeared" in police custody in Diyarbak\_r;
- expressing grave concern for the safety of \_irin Bayram and Ramazan Tekin, both detained in Demirli village near Kulp on 2 November 1996 and since held in unacknowledged detention at an unknown location;
- urging that their whereabouts be established without delay, their detention registered and their relatives informed immediately;
- seeking assurances that they will not be subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment;
- calling for the detainees to be promptly brought before a judge to be charged or released;
- asking to be informed of any charges brought against them.

**APPEALS TO:**

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