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Further information on UA 131/94 (EUR 44/22/94, 30 March 1994) - "Disappearance"

TURKEY:Hatice Çiftçi (f) - "disappeared" in Adana 25 March
Hüseyin Ta_kaya - "disappeared" in Siverek 16 March
Naz_m Babao_lu - journalist "disappeared" in Siverek 12 March
Cüneyt Ayd_nlar - "disappeared" in Istanbul on or about 6 March

Amnesty International has learned that Hatice Çiftçi was released from the Adana Police Headquarters on 4 April 1994. Thank you to all who sent appeals on Hatice Çiftçi's behalf.

No further information has been received on the whereabouts of Hüseyin Ta_kaya, Naz_m Babao_lu and Cüneyt Ayd_nlar who remain "disappeared" following their detention in police custody.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Hüseyin Ta_kaya, Naz_m Babao_lu and Cüneyt Aydınlar, all of whom "disappeared" while in police custody in March;
- urging that immediate steps be taken to establish their whereabouts;
- noting the findings of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) and the UN Committee against Torture (UN CAT) that the practice of torture in Turkey is widespread and systematic, as published in their reports of December 1992 and November 1993, respectively;
- asking that urgent measures be taken to stem the serious increase in "disappearances", of which there were at least 26 reports in 1993.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 18 May 1994.