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Further information on EXTRA 158/95 (EUR 44/150/95, 8 December 1995) and follow-up (EUR 44/08/96, 15 January 1996) - Fear of arbitrary killing

TURKEYHakan Güler, aged 24, sports teacher
Kadri Tursun, teacher
Köksal Gümü , Deputy Director, Lice National Education Branch

On 5 February 1996 Amnesty International received another reply following appeals on behalf of the three men named above, this time from the European Representation of the ERNK (National Liberation Front of Kurdistan), the popular front established by the PKK. It reiterates the promise that they will to do everything they can to have the teachers released, if they have been abducted by the PKK as alleged. It quotes a reply from the PKK commanders in charge as stating: "We take this incident as a grave matter and will ask for information from all our units. If these persons are in our hands we shall release them on the first occasion".

While Amnesty International is awaiting further information and results, no further action is required from UA participants. However, if no positive response is forthcoming, the network may once again be called upon. Thanks to all of you who sent appeals on behalf of the three teachers.