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Further information on EXTRA 35/96 (EUR 44/36/96, 7 March 1996) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture

TURKEY Yücel Sar_çam, aged 24 [note spelling of name]
Ayd_n Ipçi, aged 29
Songül Özbak_r (f) aged 25
Alibaba Karaka_, aged 33
A visitor to Alibaba Karaka's house, name not known

new names: Hatice Güden (f), aged 32
Mustafa Karao_lan, aged 29
N. Kemal Bekta_
M. Karaça
Muhittin Evrak, aged 35
Filiz Toprak (f), teacher, aged 27

During the police operation in Ankara on 6 March 1996, Hatice Güden, Mustafa Karao_lan, N. Kemal Bekta_, M. Karaça, Filiz Toprak and Muhittin Evrak were also detained by officers of the Anti-Terror Branch. The authorities acknowledged the detention of all those named above.

However, when the authorities confirmed that they had detained Muhittin Evrak on the night of 6 March, they also stated that he had been released the following day. Despite this claim, Muhittin Evrak has been missing since, and there is serious concern for his safety.

The other detainees will be held for interrogation until 18 March, presumably at Ankara Police Headquarters. Amnesty International fears that they may be facing torture during this interrogation.

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

- expressing serious concern for the safety of Muhittin Evrak who has been missing since being detained in Ankara on 6 March, despite official claims that he has been released;
- calling for an immediate investigation to establish his whereabouts;
- seeking assurances that all the detainees held since the police operation in Ankara on 6 March are not being subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment;
- asking to be informed of any charges brought against them.

APPEALS TO:

1. Prosecutor at Ankara State Security Court:

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Ankara, Turkey

Telegrams: DGM Savcili_i, Ankara, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

2. Ankara Chief of Police:

Mr Ramazan Er

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Ankara, Turkey

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Salutation: Dear Sir

3. Prime Minister:

Mr Mesut Yılmaz

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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 15 April 1996.