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26 March 1996

Further information on UA 22/96 (EUR 44/17/96, 31 January 1996) and follow-up (EUR 44/23/96, 8 February 1996) - Fear for safety

TURKEYE ref Ya a, Kurd, aged 33

new names: M. S_ddik Ya_a

Hikmet Ya_a Seymus Ya_a and another

Faik Ya a

On 24 March 1996, M. S_ddik Ya_a, Hikmet Ya_a, _eymus Ya_a and the driver of the car they were in were detained when they were stopped at a security force checkpoint about 15 kilometres from Diyarbak_r. They were driving from K z ltepe to Diyarbak r.

On the same day, security forces detained Faik Ya_a at his home where he was held for 24 hours. On 25 March he was taken away by security forces.

M. S_ddik Ya_a, Hikmet Ya_a, _eymus Ya_a and Faik Ya_a are all relatives of E_ref Ya_a. Amnesty International fears for their safety, and that of the unnamed driver, while in detention.

E ref Ya a has been transferred to Diyarbak r E-type prison.

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

- urging the authorities to make known the whereabouts of M. S_ddik Ya_a, Hikmet Ya_a, _eymus Ya_a, their driver and Faik Ya_a, detained on 24 and 25 March 1996;
- seeking assurances that they 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. Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbak r State Security Court:

Mr Bekir Selçuk

DGM Ba savc s

Devlet Güvenlik Mahkemesi

Diyarbak r, Turkey

Telegrams: DGM Bassavcisi, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

2. Diyarbak r Chief of Gendarmerie:

General Altay Tokat

Jandarma Komutan

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Diyarbak r, Turkey

Telegrams: General Tokat, Jandarma Komutanligi, Diyarbakir, Turkey

Salutation: Dear General

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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 10 May 1996.