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Further information on UA 81/95 (EUR 44/44/95, 28 March 1995) - Prisoner of conscience / Fear of torture / Fear for safety

TURKEY Ali Ekber Kaya (note full name), president of the Tunceli Human Rights Association (HRA)

Eren Keskin (f), lawyer and member of Istanbul HRA
Mercan Güçlü (f), lawyer and member of Istanbul HRA
Ercan Kanar, Deputy Chairman of HRA, Istanbul

new names

Ci_dem Kaya (f), aged 18
Hüseyin Da_deviren, aged 30
Fidan Güler (f), health worker
Hüseyin Güler

Amnesty International has learned that two of Ali Ekber Kaya's relatives, Ci_dem Kaya and Hüseyin Da_deviren, were taken into detention on or around 23 March 1995, when Ali Ekber himself was detained. The detention of all three has been acknowledged by the authorities.

Reports indicate that since 23 March, several others have been arrested in Tunceli, including Fidan Güler and Hüseyin Güler, a married couple with two children. As far as Amnesty International is aware their detention has not been acknowledged and the organization is concerned for their safety in custody.

Ali Ekber was previously arrested on 22 September 1994 and later released (see EXTRA 56/94, EUR 44/107/94, 29 September 1994 and follow-up, EUR 44/108/94, 3 October).

PLEASE CONTINUE ACTION ON BEHALF OF EREN KESKIN AS RECOMMENDED IN ORIGINAL UA OF 28 MARCH, AND IN ADDITION: Please send telegrams / telexes / faxes / express or airmail letters either in English or in your own language:

- appealing for the immediate release of Ali Ekber Kaya, currently held in Tunceli Police Headquarters and considered by Amnesty International to be a prisoner of conscience, detained for his work on behalf of the HRA;
- appealing for the immediate release of Ci_dem Kaya and Hüseyin Da_deviren, apparently detained for being relatives of Ali Ekber Kaya;
- expressing deep concern for the safety of Fidan Güler and Hüseyin Güler, and seeking assurances that they will not be subjected to ill-treatment or torture;
- reiterating concern for the safety of activists of the HRA, who have been increasingly subjected to threats and harassment throughout the country; urging the authorities to investigate the incidents and to bring those responsible to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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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 24 May 1995.