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Further information on UA 221/92 (EUR 44/57/92, 1 July 1992) - and follow-up EUR 44/59/92, 2 July 1992 - Fear of Torture

TURKEY:Abdullah Ar_soy, correspondent for Özgür Gündem in Cizre
Sait Ar_soy, " " " " "
Halil Ar_soy

and new names: Ali Komak, correspondent for Özgür Gündem in Cizre
Erdal Geçit, lawyer
Ahmet Da_l_, meteorologist
Abdülkadir Bingöl
Abdurrahman Aksoy, aged 70, whose son was killed by
unidentified assailants in Diyarbak_r at the beginning of July
Melle (meaning:imam) Abdülhamit (family name not known)
Emin Sore_
Mahmut K_rm_z_gül
Faruk Sak_k, correspondent for Özgür Gündem newspaper in Mu_
Abdullah Yas_n, primary school headmaster
Salih Baykara
Yusuf_en
Aziz_en
Nimet Elki (female)
_hsan Ogan

Amnesty International has learned that all the above people were detained in Cizre at the end of June/beginning of July 1992 and that their homes were searched. The organization has been informed that at Cizre Police Station Abdullah Ar_soy, Melle Abdülhamit, Emin Sore_ and in particular Ali Komak were beaten. Melle Abdülhamit was badly bruised and the hands of Abdurrahman Aksoy were swollen and bruised. After four days all the detainees were taken to __rnak and held at __rnak Police Headquarters where on arrival they were allegedly punched by some 50 police officers. When one of the detainees protested, "How can you do this, my maternal uncle is a member of parliament", he was made to say insulting things about his uncle. Emin Sore_ sustained a cut on his right eye. The detainees were then put in cells measuring 1 metre by 1 metre. Four of the detainees were released from police custody on 9 July and reported that they had been tortured.

The others were taken to the Prosecutor's Office in Cizre on 16 July where the police chiefs of __rnak and Cizre were present. Abdullah Ar_soy complained to the prosecutor that he had been tortured. When the detainees were taken to court in Cizre the same day, he also told the judge that he had been tortured. Reportedly, there was a discussion among the police chiefs, the prosecutor and the judge as to whether he should be released, but eventually all the detainees were released on 17 July. In the afternoon of the same day at around 5.30 the security forces raided the house

of Abdullah Ar_soy with an arrest warrant from the prosecutor in __rnak. However, Abdullah Ar_soy was not there. Reportedly, arrest warrants have also been issued for Ali Komak and 12 others who were released on 17 July.

Abdullah Ar_soy, Ali Komak and Mahmut K_rm_z_gül are said to have been tortured very severely at __rnak Police Headquarters. Methods of torture used included electric shocks and hanging by the wrists with arms tied behind their backs ("Palestinian Hanging"). To humiliate Abdullah Ar_soy, he was made to bark like a dog. He was reportedly interrogated about articles he wrote for the weekly paper Yeni Ülke. Later they were treated by a Dr Kemal who applied a kind of ointment to their bodies, apparently to heal the torture marks.

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It is feared that any of those named above may be subjected to further torture, if taken into police custody again.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing concern at the reported torture of the detainees named above, in particular of the journalists Abdullah Ar_soy and Ali Komak;
- urging a prompt, full and impartial investigation into these allegations of torture at Cizre and __rnak Police Headquarters;
- appealing that all necessary steps are taken to safeguard the physical and mental integrity of all detainees, in particular of any of those named above for whom a new arrest warrant is in force.

APPEALS TO:

1) Prosecutor in __rnak:

Mr Ahmet Gökç_nar
__rnak Savc_l____
__rnak, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

Telegrams: Mr Gokcinar, Savciligi, Sirnak, Turkey

2) Prime Minister:

Mr Süleyman Demirel
Office of the Prime Minister
Ba_bakanl_k
06573 Ankara, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

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3) Minister of the Interior:

Mr _smet Sezgin
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06644 Ankara, Turkey

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4) Emergency Legislation Governor:

Mr Ünal Erkan
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Salutation: Dear Governor

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President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission:

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Ankara, Turkey

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 2 September 1992.