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Further information on EXTRA 92/97 (EUR 44/51/97, 30 June 1997 and follow-up (EUR 44/72/97, 16 October) - Fear of arrest as prisoner of conscience

TURKEYE ber Ya murdereli, lawyer

Lawyer E_ber Ya_murdereli was arrested by police at 2am on 20 October 1997 as he was leaving the premises of Channel D television company in Istanbul.

He is currently in police custody, but is expected to be transferred to Ümraniye Prison, Istanbul, within 24 hours. He is not thought to be at risk of ill-treatment.

Amnesty International believes that he is a prisoner of conscience (see previous update).

This case is transferring to other AI networks, and no further action by the UA Network is requested. However, those participants who have not yet sent an appeal on the previous update may, if they wish, send one now, calling for E_ber Ya_murdereli's immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

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