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Further information on UA 235/93 (EUR 44/68/93, 19 July 1993) - "Disappearance"

TURKEY: Hamdi _im_ek, aged 63, a Christian

Hikmet _im_ek, 27, son of Hamdi, a Christian

M. Salih Demirhan, 37

_brahim Ak_n, 34, village imam (prayer leader)

Halit Özdemir

_emdin Culaz

Amnesty International has received information that Hamdi _im_ek is in Silopi hospital, in a coma, allegedly as a result of heavy and prolonged torture. There has been no news of Hikmet _im_ek, his son, and there is great fear for his life. The house of the _im_ek family in Görümlü village is said to have been destroyed by the security forces and all their belongings taken. The six Christian families still remaining in the village are said to be living in constant fear of the security forces.

No information has come to light about the other four villagers detained with Hamdi and Hikmet _im_ek on 14 June 1993.

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

- expressing grave concern about reports that Hamdi _im_ek is in Silopi hospital in a coma allegedly due to heavy and prolonged torture;
- calling for a full and impartial investigation into the alleged torture of Hamdi _im_ek;
- urging that an immediate investigation be carried out to establish the whereabouts of the five villagers from Görümlü village still unaccounted for, who were detained in the village on 14 June by members of the security forces;
- requesting to be informed of the findings.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear General

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2) Minister of the Interior:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

COPIES OF YOUR 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 15 September 1993.