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Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Yavuz Binbay, President of the Human Rights Association in Van, eastern Turkey who has continued to receive numerous death threats since those included in the leaflet purportedly issued by a group calling itself "Islami Cihad-B (Islami Yumruk)" which means "Islamic Holy War-B (Fist of Islam)". It threatened him and 27 other people named above, as well as journalists of certain newspapers and the guerrillas of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) with death.

During incidents on the occasion of *Newroz*, the Kurdish New Year which is celebrated on 21 March, Yavuz Binbay, a Kurd and human rights activist, was beaten almost to death by security officers in front of the local police chief who rescued him. He was taken to hospital unconscious and treated in the intensive care unit for injuries to his head and chest. He suffered six fractures to his skull and a crack in the orbit

of his eye as well as a series of heart attacks following the assault. He still requires surgery to remove blood clots formed as a consequence of the attack. His shop was reportedly destroyed. On 3 April he was arrested on charges of unlawful assembly and demonstration, collective criminal damage, separatist propoganda and resisting arrest and was sent from hospital to Elaz__ prison in a very poor state of health. The trial in which he stands accused as one of 94 defendants, opened on 6 July in Diyarbak_r State Security Court. After the hearing he and all imprisoned defendants were released conditionally. The trial continues.

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While Yavuz Binbay was in prison, a police car reportedly smashed into his wife's car and attempted to force it off the road. On the evening of 29 August, Yavuz Binbay's car, parked in front of his house, was heavily damaged by acid and by being struck with a hard object.

Although none of the 28 people named above has been killed, five journalists and local correspondents working for the group of newspapers specifically mentioned in the leaflet have been victims of mysterious attacks since it was issued. Four have been killed by unidentified assailants and one survived, paralysed by a shot in the back of his neck (see UA 258/92, EUR 44/70/92 of 6 August 1992, and UA 262/92, EUR 44/72/92 of 11 August 1992). No serious investigations into the killings appear to be taking place and the Turkish Prime Minister is reported to have commented on their deaths by saying, "Those killed were not real journalists. They were militants in the guise of journalists. They kill each other".

Yavuz Binbay continues to receive death threats by telephone and there is grave concern for his safety.

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

- expressing grave concern for the safety of human rights activist Yavuz Binbay in view of continuing death threats;
- noting the fact that more than 100 people have been killed in the Kurdish provinces this year in circumstances leading to allegations of extrajudicial execution and that no serious investigations appear to have been carried out into these unsolved murders;
- recommending that an independent commission is established to investigate such allegations according to the United Nations Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions;
- urging that all necessary steps are taken to prevent such further killings.

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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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 23 October 1992.