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Further information on EXTRA 54/96 (EUR 44/60/96, 22 April 1996) - Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture

TURKEY Atilla Osmano_lu, aged 18, shopkeeper

An anonymous, but apparently well-informed source, has stated that Atilla Osmano_lu was being held at a security force detention centre in Diyarbak_r after 25 March 1996, the day he was led away from his family's shop by two plainclothes police officers. However, repeated efforts by his relatives to establish his whereabouts have been unsuccessful, and he remains "disappeared".

Amnesty International has received more information about the circumstances surrounding Atilla Osmano_lu's "disappearance". On 23 March, he had reported that two visitors had come to the family's shop that afternoon. They claimed to work for a canteen and suggested a business deal. However, Atilla Osmano_lu had apparently not felt comfortable about the visit.

On the morning of 25 March, a relative of Atilla Osmano_lu saw the two plainclothes police officers in the shop. They said that they wanted to go with Atilla Osmano_lu to the canteen of the Police Headquarters to talk about business matters. They promised to return him in about half an hour. The two officers drove Atilla Osmano_lu off in a blue car. He has been "disappeared" since.

Atilla Osmano_lu is married with two children.

Although this Urgent Action will now close, participants are asked, if possible, to send a further round of appeals to the Turkish authorities calling for an immediate investigation into Atilla Osmano_lu's whereabouts, and for the results of this to be made public.

Thank you to all who have participated in this action.

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