

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 148/96 (EUR 44/146/96, 24 September 1996) - Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture

TURKEY Nesime Sevinç (f)

Tar\_k Dolan  
Murathan Be\_enk or Ba\_enk  
Cemal Ayy\_ld\_z  
Iskender Azizo\_lu  
Hüseyin Akdo\_an

new name: Nejdet Özdemir  
and another person (name unknown)

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A newspaper report of 23 September 1996 contains further information on the detention of Murathan Ba\_enk.

Murathan Ba\_enk, Nejdet Özdemir and a van driver whose name is not known, were going from Diyarbak\_r to repair billiard tables in a café in Mardin. Murathan Ba\_enk's mother, Emine Ba\_enk, said that her son had telephoned home just as they were leaving Mardin on 17 September. It is thought that on the way back to Diyarbak\_r they were detained by soldiers at a roadblock. When Murathan Ba\_enk did not come home that day, his wife got worried and telephoned his mother. The three men and the van have been missing since.

Reportedly Emine Ba\_enk also stated that on 18 September at about 12 noon the police raided her son's house in the Kaynartepe district and set up a police station there. For three days her daughter-in-law Menfiye and her grandchild Sinem, aged one, were held because of the police occupying the house. Emine Ba\_enk said, "*At this moment there are 12 people including children who cannot leave the house. For four days we have no news of my son. I am very afraid because of the recent extrajudicial executions in Diyarbak\_r (see below). I fear for my son's life.*"

#### FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Fears for people in unacknowledged detention have been heightened by the recent discovery of nine corpses in the Diyarbak\_r region. On 14 September, five bodies were discovered around Baharl\_village near Bismil, province of Diyarbak\_r. They had their hands tied behind their backs and were killed with a single bullet to the head. One of them was later identified as Esat Ya\_ar who reportedly had been detained in the Lice district of Diyarbak\_r on 6 September 1996. Others were identified as Faik Orak, Nas\_r Alan (19) and Nuri Yi\_it. Faik Orak had been detained in Kürekli village near C\_nar on 8 September, and Nas\_r Alan and Nuri Yi\_it had been detained at their homes in Diyarbak\_r. Faik Orak's father reported that his son had been detained by Special Team members and that his detention had been denied.

According to Nas\_r Alan's father armed men in plain clothes carrying two-way radios had raided their house on 9 September and taken his son away. Nas\_r Alan telephoned his parents about an hour later saying "*I am going to testify, I'll be home in an hour*". When he did not come back, his father applied for information to the police who denied holding Nas\_r Alan, and three times to the prosecutor's office, in vain. When he saw his son's corpse in the morgue,

it was without clothes except for an undershirt, bore burn marks of cigarettes having been extinguished on the body, and the skin was torn as it had been dragged on the ground.

Four more bodies reportedly were discovered between 15 and 17 September. They included the body of a man found between Ka\_\_tl\_ and Ba\_dere police stations near Diyarbak\_r Kacaköy. Villagers reportedly stated that they had witnessed the detention of a man and two women and the execution by shooting of the young man. The discovery also included the corpses of a man and a woman found on 17 September near So\_anl\_ village in the district of Diyarbak\_r. According to one newspaper report they were unrecognizable because their heads had been burned.

**PLEASE CONTINUE APPEALS AS OUTLINED IN ORIGINAL ACTION, ADDING THE NAME OF NEJDET ÖZDEMİR.** End date remains 20 October 1996.