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Further information on EXTRA 22/00 (EUR 44/12/00, 8 March) - Ill-treatment and torture / Health concern

**Ay_e Yeter, widow of Süleyman Yeter
Kaz_m Bak__, president of LIMTERI_ union
about 100 taken into detention
Emine Ocak and Ali Ocak**

Ay_e Yeter, Emine and Ali Ocak and the majority of detainees arrested in Istanbul on 8 March 2000 were released yesterday from the Security Branch of Istanbul Police Headquarters. They were reportedly not ill-treated in detention. It is expected that a formal complaint will be made about their ill-treatment by the police during their arrest.

Serkan Ni_anc_ and Sevim Demir (f) were transferred to the Anti-Terror Branch of Istanbul Police Headquarters, where they continue to be held. They are reportedly wanted by the police, though no reason for this has been given. Amnesty International remains concerned that they may be at risk of ill-treatment or torture.

Kaz_m Bak__ was transferred to Kartal Public Order Branch and released later yesterday. Hüsniye Acer, Ufuk Tamba_, Hüseyin Yalç_nkaya, Meliha Y_ld_z (f) and Nürsel Turunç (f) were transferred to the Public Order Branch of Istanbul Police Headquarters. It is expected that they will be brought before a court later today and either released or remanded into custody.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Serkan Ni_anc_ and Sevim Demir;
- asking for assurances that they will not be ill-treated in detention and will be given any medical care they may require;
- expressing concern at reports that police hit individuals with truncheons and manhandled them when they broke up a commemoration service being held on behalf of trade unionist Süleyman Yeter, and urging that a comprehensive and impartial investigation be opened into these reports;
- asking to be informed about any charges brought against them.

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Minister of Justice
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Salutation: Dear Minister

Istanbul Chief of Police

Istanbul Emniyet Müdürü

Istanbul Emniyet Müdürlü_ü

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Salutation: Dear Chief of Police

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and to diplomatic representatives of TURKEY accredited to your country.

Please could appeal writers in EU member countries also send copies to their Minister of Foreign Affairs. Many thanks

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 6 April 2000.