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Further Information on UA 340/02 (EUR 44/055/2002, 25 November 2002) "Disappearance"/fear for safety

TURKEY

Siddik Kaya (m), aged 45, farmer

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On 24 April, the body of Siddik Kaya was found on the banks of the Murat River in Bulanik, Muş province. According to forensic reports he had been shot through the head while blindfolded, gagged and with his hands tied behind his back. A sandbag had apparently been tied to his waist to weigh his body down in the water.

Siddik Kaya went missing on 20 November 2002, when he left the house of his sister in Varto telling her "Officer Celal Şan is calling for me. I am going to meet him on the bridge outside the district".

Despite intensive efforts by his family and the Human Rights Association of Turkey (IHD), there was no information about Siddik Kaya's whereabouts for more than six months.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Siddik Kaya. If possible, please send a final round in English or your own language:**

- expressing sympathy for the family and friends of Siddik Kaya;
- calling for a full, impartial and independent investigation into the death of Siddik Kaya;
- calling for the outcome of the investigation to be made public and those found responsible to be brought to justice.

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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 30 June 2003.