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**Further information on UA 311/02 (EUR 44/047/02, 17 October) -
Torture & ill-treatment/ fear for safety**

TURKEY

Abdülkadir AktaÖ (m), aged 22

Abdülkadir AktaÖ was transferred from the Anti-Terror Branch of Diyarbakır police headquarters - where he had reportedly been tortured - back to Diyarbakır prison on 22 October. However, when his brother tried to visit him in prison on 25 October, prison administrators told him that Abdülkadir AktaÖ was not in their custody, and that they were not authorized to say where he had been taken. Amnesty International is concerned that Abdülkadir AktaÖ may have been returned to detention in Diyarbakır police headquarters where he is at further risk of torture and ill-treatment.

Abdülkadir AktaÖ's lawyer met him in Diyarbakır prison on 23 October and reported that he seemed exhausted, that his face was pale and he had red eyes. He was apparently staggering as he walked and had to lean on the wall in order to stay on his feet. He complained of dizziness, headaches and pain in his body.

Abdülkadir AktaÖ told his lawyer that he had been tortured while in police custody, including being given electric shocks. He was afraid of being detained by police again for interrogation. Police officers had reportedly threatened him that "we will take you again [from prison]... we can come and take you like this for six months and interrogate you in the Police Headquarters". When Abdülkadir AktaÖ had been taken to see a doctor, police officers apparently stayed in the room throughout his examination.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in English or your own language:

- expressing concern for the safety of Abdülkadir AktaÖ, who has been transferred from prison and who may be in detention at the Anti-Terror Branch of Diyarbakır Police Headquarters;
- expressing concern at reports that Abdülkadir AktaÖ has been tortured and reminding the government of its obligations under Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which states that "No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment";
- calling for a full and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture - including a prompt medical examination - whose results should be made public and those responsible 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 6 December 2002.