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Further information on EXTRA 22/01 (EUR 44/017/2001, 28 March 2001) - Fear of torture

TURKEYSaliha Ekinici (f), student, aged 22
Güllü Ekinici (f), sister of the above, aged 16
Emrullah Karagöz (m), student, aged 23

Saliha Ekinici and Güllü Ekinici were released on 30 March on the orders of a judge. Emrullah Karagöz was released from Diyarbak_r prison in early July.

Emrullah Karagöz was reportedly tortured in police custody, shortly after he was detained on 27 March 2001. It is reported that during his interrogation, he was blindfolded, beaten, sworn at and threatened with death. He was made to sign a statement without having read it. He was also told that: "If you do not work with us, you will not be able to live here, you won't be able to finish university".

He was held in a small cell with three other detainees, with only a concrete ledge for one person to sleep on. He was not given any food for three days and had loud music played into the cell. He was regularly taken out of his cell and had his head pushed next to the loudspeakers.

Güllü Ekinici and Saliha Ekinici were reportedly put under psychological pressure but not physically tortured while in detention.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action requested.