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Further information on UA 221/92 (EUR 44/57/92, 1 July 1992) - and follow-up EUR 44/59/92, 2 July 1992 - Fear of Torture

TURKEY:Abdullah Ar\_soy, correspondent for Özgür Gündem in Cizre  
Sait Ar\_soy, " " " " "  
Halil Ar\_soy

and new names: Ali Komak, correspondent for Özgür Gündem in Cizre  
Erdal Geçit, lawyer  
Ahmet Da\_l\_, meteorologist  
Abdülkadir Bingöl  
Abdurrahman Aksoy, aged 70, whose son was killed by unidentified assailants in Diyarbak\_r at the beginning of July  
Melle (meaning:imam) Abdülhamit (family name not known)  
Emin Sore\_  
Mahmut K\_rm\_z\_gül  
Faruk Sak\_k, correspondent for Özgür Gündem newspaper in Mu\_  
Abdullah Yas\_n, primary school headmaster  
Salih Baykara  
Yusuf\_en  
Aziz\_en  
Nimet Elki (female)  
\_hsan Ogan

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Amnesty International has learned that all the above people were detained in Cizre at the end of June/beginning of July 1992 and that their homes were searched. The organization has been informed that at Cizre Police Station Abdullah Ar\_soy, Melle Abdülhamit, Emin Sore\_ and in particular Ali Komak were beaten. Melle Abdülhamit was badly bruised and the hands of Abdurrahman Aksoy were swollen and bruised. After four days all the detainees were taken to \_\_rnak and held at \_\_rnak Police Headquarters where on arrival they were allegedly punched by some 50 police officers. When one of the detainees protested, "How can you do this, my maternal uncle is a member of parliament", he was made to say insulting things about his uncle. Emin Sore\_ sustained a cut on his right eye. The detainees were then put in cells measuring 1 metre by 1 metre. Four of the detainees were released from police custody on 9 July and reported that they had been tortured.

The others were taken to the Prosecutor's Office in Cizre on 16 July where the police chiefs of \_\_rnak and Cizre were present. Abdullah Ar\_soy complained to the prosecutor that he had been tortured. When the detainees were taken to court in Cizre the same day, he also told the judge that he had been tortured. Reportedly, there was a discussion among the police chiefs, the prosecutor and the judge as to whether he should be released, but eventually all the detainees were released on 17 July. In the afternoon of the same day at around 5.30 the security forces raided the house

of Abdullah Ar\_soy with an arrest warrant from the prosecutor in \_\_rnak. However, Abdullah Ar\_soy was not there. Reportedly, arrest warrants have also been issued for Ali Komak and 12 others who were released on 17 July.

Abdullah Ar\_soy, Ali Komak and Mahmut K\_rm\_z\_gül are said to have been tortured very severely at \_\_rnak Police Headquarters. Methods of torture used included electric shocks and hanging by the wrists with arms tied behind their backs ("Palestinian Hanging"). To humiliate Abdullah Ar\_soy, he was made to bark like a dog. He was reportedly interrogated about articles he wrote for the weekly paper Yeni Ülke. Later they were treated by a Dr Kemal who applied a kind of ointment to their bodies, apparently to heal the torture marks.

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It is feared that any of those named above may be subjected to further torture, if taken into police custody again.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters**

- expressing concern at the reported torture of the detainees named above, in particular of the journalists Abdullah Ar\_soy and Ali Komak;
- urging a prompt, full and impartial investigation into these allegations of torture at Cizre and \_\_rnak Police Headquarters;
- appealing that all necessary steps are taken to safeguard the physical and mental integrity of all detainees, in particular of any of those named above for whom a new arrest warrant is in force.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Prosecutor in \_\_rnak:

Mr Ahmet Gökç\_nar  
\_\_rnak Savc\_l\_\_\_\_  
\_\_rnak, Turkey

**Salutation: Dear Sir**

**Telegrams: Mr Gokcinar, Savciligi, Sirnak, Turkey**

2) Prime Minister:

Mr Süleyman Demirel  
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**Salutation: Dear Prime Minister**

**Telegrams: Prime Minister, Ankara, Turkey**

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3) Minister of the Interior:

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4) Emergency Legislation Governor:

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Ola\_anüstü Hal Valisi

**Salutation: Dear Governor**

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Ankara, Turkey

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 2 September 1992.