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**Further information on UA 81/01 (EUR 44/020/2001, 2 April) - Fear of torture and ill-treatment New concerns: Death threats/Fear for safety**

**TURKEY Mehmet Dilsiz (m), (Çizre district head of HADEP)  
Sait Buldu (m)**

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A grenade exploded at the local party offices of HADEP (People's Democratic Party), a legal pro-Kurdish political party in south east Turkey on September 20. Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Mehmet Dilsiz, head of the office and Sait Buldu, the building's landlord as they have reportedly been harassed and threatened by security forces.

In the early hours of this morning, a building rented by HADEP in the town of Çizre, was damaged, though fortunately no one injured. Mehmet Dilsiz, the head of the local branch of HADEP, has repeatedly been detained and threatened in order to get him to desist from engaging in political activities. This bombing is seen as part of the ongoing campaign to discourage HADEP activities within the region.

Sait Buldu, the building's landlord was reportedly taken to the gendarmerie in Çizre and threatened in order to make him cancel the lease between HADEP representatives and himself. On another occasion he was allegedly forcibly taken by plainclothes gendarmes to the border with Syria and tortured. His head was placed in a nylon bag, he was then beaten and threatened with death unless he did as they ordered.

When Sait Buldu refused to cancel the lease, security officials confiscated the keys to the building and changed the locks. He has complained to the Çizre prosecutor but has not yet received a response.

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

- calling for Turkish authorities to take immediate steps to ensure the safety of Mehmet Dilsiz and Sait Buldu;
- expressing concern that Mehmet Dilsiz and Sait Buldu have been allegedly intimidated by security officials for trying to engage in peaceful political activities;
- calling for a full, impartial and public investigation into the grenade attack on the HADEP building in Çizre and allegations of harassment and intimidation;
- asking for steps to be taken to alleviate the pressure on the local HADEP organization in Çizre.

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

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 November 2001.