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Further information on UA 169/91 (EUR 44/62/91, 16 May 91) - Fear of Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment/Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Ömer Özer, aged 70
Re_it Altin, aged 53
Faik Yilmaz
Mehmet Silik
Celal Çiçek
Ibrahim Güçlü, aged 60
Ahmet Özhan
Bedri Erdem, aged 25

Ismail Esmeray, aged 60
Nezim Özkan

Nuriye Erdem (f)
Sedika Be_ta_ (f)

FOR ACCENTS PLEASE REFER TO ORIGINAL UA DATED 16 MAY 1991

Nuriye Erdem and Sedika Be_ta_ were brought before Diyarbakir State Security Court and formally arrested on 20 May 1991. It is not yet known how they were treated during more than 20 days of incommunicado detention in Siirt Gendarmerie Regimental Headquarters. Amnesty International will continue to monitor their case, however, no further appeals are necessary through the Urgent Action network as the fear of torture is now past.

With the formal arrest of the two girls, their two relatives Bedri Erdem and Ahmet Özhan are no longer required to attend the gendarmerie post at night. However, the others are still kept there all night, and although they have been permitted to remain in a stable attached to the gendarmerie post for the past two weeks, there are no sleeping or toilet facilities. They have still not been charged with any criminal offence, and they are still apparently being placed in danger by being held close to a gendarmerie post (such posts have frequently been subject to night attacks with rockets and machine gun fire).

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- appealing for inquiries to be made into the allegations of the continued nightly detention of male villagers of Payamli near Siirt;
- urging that all necessary steps be taken to ensure that such cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment be stopped;
- urging that an inquiry be held into the incommunicado detention of Nuriye Erdem and Sedika Be_ta_, reportedly aged 12 and 13.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 16 July 1991.