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Further information on UA 149/92 (EUR 44/44/92, 8 May 1992) and follow-up: EUR 44/88/92 of 11 September 1992 - Death Threats/Fear of Extrajudicial Execution

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Musa Anter, one of the 28 mostly Kurdish people named in a leaflet which was circulating in the Kurdish provinces earlier this year and which threatened death to them, is the first of those named in the leaflet to be killed. He is the ninth journalist killed in Turkey since February this year.

Musa Anter, a prominent Kurdish writer and journalist, was shot in the heart and head on Sunday 20 September at around 8.30 pm during a visit to Diyarbak\_r. He was lured with his relative, Orhan Miro\_lu, by a Kurdish-speaking man to a quarter on the outskirts of the city. This assassin shot at the two men with a 14-shot 9mm automatic pistol. Musa Anter was hit by four bullets, Orhan Miro\_lu by three. The assassin then ran off. A police station and a constantly manned traffic control point are said to be near the site of the incident. Musa Anter died on the way to hospital. Orhan Miro\_lu was seriously wounded in the attack.

Three journalists who went to investigate the shooting were abducted at gun-point by people who said they were police officers. The journalists who were beaten and threatened were released several hours later.

Musa Anter, a senior columnist who wrote articles for the Kurdish newspapers *Özgür Gündem* and *Yeni Ülke* is the fifth of *Özgür Gündem's* journalists to be attacked by unidentified assailants since the newspaper started publication in May this year. Four of them have been killed and one remains paralyzed. Three journalists working for other Kurdish publications have been killed this year in similar circumstances in the Kurdish provinces under a state of emergency. One reporter was killed while covering events at the Kurdish New Year in March in the southeast. None of the killers has been found. The Turkish Prime Minister is reported to have commented on their deaths by saying, "Those killed were not real journalists. They were militants in the guise of journalists. They kill each other", apparently justifying their deaths.

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Amnesty International is seriously concerned about the killing of yet another journalist in Turkey, the ninth since February this year, and about the wounding of the relative accompanying him.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Musa Anter, aged 74, has been imprisoned on a number of occasions for his writings. He was a founding member of the People's Labour Party (HEP) which has 17 Kurdish deputies in parliament, and he was the chairman of the newly founded Kurdish Institute in Istanbul.

Orhan Miro\_lu, aged 40, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment by a military court in Diyarbak\_r in 1983 on charges of membership of a Kurdish organization, illegal under Turkish law. He served 10 years in prison.

The Kurdish-owned daily *Özgür Gündem* (Free Agenda) and its sister publication, the weekly *Yeni Ülke* (New Land), *Özgür Halk* (Free People), *Gerçek* (Truth) and *2000'e Do\_ru* (Towards 2000) have been specifically mentioned in the leaflet threatening death to all those working for them. Their declared policy is to investigate and publicize human rights violations committed by the security forces, in particular in the Kurdish provinces under State of Emergency where reporting has been severely restricted. Issues of these and similar publications are frequently confiscated. Journalists and local correspondents working for these publications have been the targets of prosecutions, harassment by the police, detention, ill-treatment and torture, death threats and killings ever since their papers started publication.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing grave concern about the murder of the Kurdish writer Musa Anter and the wounding of his relative Orhan Miro\_lu in Diyarbak\_r on 20 September 1992;
- calling for an immediate, full and impartial investigation into the circumstances of Musa Anter's killing and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- expressing concern for the safety of all those named above and of all those who have received death threats because of their activities on behalf of the Kurdish minority;
- noting the fact that more than 100 people have been killed in the Kurdish provinces this year in circumstances which have provoked allegations of extrajudicial execution, and that no serious investigations appear to be carried out into these unsolved murders;
- urging that all necessary steps are taken to prevent further such killings;
- recommending that an independent commission is established to investigate such allegations according to the United Nations Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions.

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