



forms of severe ill-treatment of persons in police custody remains widespread in Turkey and that such methods are applied to both ordinary criminal suspects and persons held under anti-terrorism provisions".

Most allegations relate to ill-treatment of detainees in police custody during their initial interrogation when they are usually denied access to relatives or a lawyer. New legislation to shorten the maximum detention period came into force on 1 December 1992. Now non-political detainees may be held for up to eight days before being formally charged or released. Detainees held on suspicion of political offences may be held without charge for up to 15 days. In the 10 provinces under emergency legislation the maximum detention period for political detainees may be doubled to 30 days.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:**

- expressing concern about the reported torture of Mehmet Çak\_, held since 20 October in incommunicado detention at \_anl\_urfa;
- expressing concern also for the safety of Ali Kuran, held since 24 October in incommunicado detention at \_anl\_urfa;
- urging that both detainees are granted prompt access to their lawyers and families and are promptly brought before a judge;
- seeking assurances that they are not subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment.

**APPEALS TO**

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**Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister**

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 November 1993.