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Further information on EXTRA 109/95 (EUR 44/98/95, 22 September 1995) - Deaths in custody / Ill-treatment / Fear for safety

TURKEYKilled: Yusuf Ba

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Turan K_l_nç (corrected name)

Seriously wounded: Mesut Avc

Detained: Naciye Koç, nurse

Dervi Altun, Secretary of Izmir branch of Human Rights Association

Can Ercan

Irfan Güler, lawyer
Ibrahim Ergün, lawyer
Gül Kireçkaya (f), lawyer
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Ercan Demir (Contemporary Lawyers' Association board member)

Fehmi Çam Sevgi Binbir

Amnesty International has received further information concerning events at Buca prison. The organization has learned that Mesut Avc_ did not die but is one of the 40 inmates under treatment at Ye_ilyurt State Hospital, some of whom are still very seriously ill.

The dead and injured were all from Ward 6. The other wings were not raided by security forces, and the prisoners took down their barricades on the evening of 24 September.

The Justice Ministry has opened an administrative inquiry into the incident while Izmir Public Prosecutor has initiated a judicial investigation.

Autopsy reports on the three men who died are not publicly available. However, reliable sources state that doctors performing the autopsy found that the three died of brain haemorrhage and other internal bleeding. The injuries, which included broken bones, were consistent with serious beating. A conclusion of "suspicious death" was recorded.

The 51 relatives, lawyers and Human Rights Association members who were arrested on 22 September were released on 23 September. As a result of the beatings they received at the time of detention, several were injured. The lawyer Irfan Güler's arm and finger were broken, and he had eight stitches in his head.

No further action by the UA Network is requested at this stage. Thank you to all who sent appeals.