

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 107/95 (EUR 44/96/95, 18 September 1995) and follow-ups (EUR 44/102/95, 29 September and EUR 44/107/95, 11 October) - Fear of "disappearance" / Fear of torture

TURKEY_erif Y_lmaz, aged 15
amil Y_lmaz, his brother, aged 35

Amnesty International has learned with extreme concern that 15-year-old _erif Y_lmaz has gone missing.

The organization had believed that both brothers had been committed to prison, but it has just received information that _amil Y_lmaz was released from detention and went home, but that _erif Y_lmaz was not released. His whereabouts remain unknown and there is serious concern for his safety.

_erif Y_lmaz was detained on 1 September 1995 at his mother's house in the Kulludere district of Hizan, province of Bitlis. After an initial period of unacknowledged detention, on 25 September the Bitlis Provincial Gendarmerie Headquarters acknowledged that both _erif and _amil Y_lmaz were being held there. The prolonged incommunicado detention of 15-year-old _erif Y_lmaz by the gendarmerie was in breach of Statute 2253 of Turkish law which requires that minors are questioned by the prosecutor only and that their next of kin are promptly informed of their whereabouts.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of _erif Y_lmaz, a 15-year-old, who was detained on 1 September in Bitlis province and whose whereabouts are currently unknown;
- calling for immediate action by the authorities to establish his whereabouts and to make this information public;
- urging that, if in detention, he be treated humanely in accordance with international standards.

APPEALS TO:

1. Minister of the Interior:

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Salutation: Dear Minister

2. Bitlis State Prosecutor:

Cumhuriyet Ba_savc_s_
Hükümet Kona__
Bitlis, Turkey

Telegrams: Cumhuriyet Savcısı, Bitlis, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

3. Gendarmerie General Commander:

General Ayd_n_lter
Jandarma Genel Komutan_

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Salutation: Dear General

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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 15 November 1995.