

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 255/95 (EUR 44/134/95, 17 November 1995) - Fear of "disappearance" / "Disappearance"

TURKEY Mahfus Tanr_verdi, Kurd, aged 20
Muharrem Tanr_verdi, his elder brother
Mehmet Tanr_verdi, aged 25, another brother

Mahfus Tanr_verdi was released from police custody on 18 November 1995 without having been brought before a prosecutor, as would have been the required procedure. He believes that he was held at the Anti-Riot Police Headquarters on the outskirts of Diyarbakır. He had been detained on 26 October as he left a café in Diyarbakır and was held in unacknowledged detention. When the police searched him, they found on him photographs of his two brothers Muharrem and Mehmet who "disappeared" in police custody in 1994. The police told Mahfus that his two brothers had been released.

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

- noting the release of Mahfus Tanr_verdi;
- reiterating concern for the safety of his two brothers, Muharrem and Mehmet, who remain "disappeared" after being detained in Iraq on 8 May 1994;
- appealing once more for an immediate investigation into the sighting of Muharrem Tanr_verdi at Mermür Gendarmerie Post on 4 September 1995;
- asking to be kept informed of the result of the investigations into the two men's whereabouts.

APPEALS TO:

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3. Chief Prosecutor at Diyarbakır State Security Court:

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Salutation: Özer Sir

4) Diyarbakır Chief of Gendarmerie:

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President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission:

Mr Sabri Yavuz

İnsan Hakları Araştırma Komisyonu Başkanı

TBMM, Ankara, Turkey

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 8 January 1996.