

Councillor David Sullivan

9
Oct. 17, 1988

whereas:

It has come to the attention of this City Council that Mustafa and Sabet ^{Sabet} Güler ^{Güler}, born in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) as migrant workers for almost 20 years along with their son Ahmet ^{Turan} Güler, a student in Oldenburg (FRG), were detained on or around September 19, 1988 shortly before they were due to leave Turkey after their holidays and presently held at Ankara Police Headquarters and
whereas:

It appears that these individuals might have been detained in connection with

the escape of 18 political prisoners from Kiseki Closed Prison on September 16, 1988 and it is feared that Mustafa, Seher and Ahmet may be ill-treated in order to extract further information on people assisting in the escape, and where:

This City Council has and continues to be unalterably ^{op} opposed to such detainment and arrests of individuals working in foreign countries, making these people "political prisoners" and often times subjected to inhumane treatment.

Now therefore be it

Resolved:

that the City Council go on record
formally opposing such action and urging
Turkish officials to grant Mustafa, Seher
and Ahmet Furan Guler access to their families
and lawyers and that they not be ill-treated
while being detained, and be it further

Resolved:

that the City Clerk be and he is
requested to forward a suitably expressed
copy of this resolution to - see appeals:

Sandra/Dottie—

Please ask Joe to draft
a resolution for me based on
this, asking for the "recommended
action" items. Thanks.

Danida

TO _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

_____ PHONE _____

TELEPHONED		PLEASE CALL	
CALLED TO SEE YOU		WILL CALL AGAIN	

MESSAGE _____

MESSAGE RECEIVED BY _____

ACTION



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA

URGENT ACTION PROGRAM OFFICE • P.O. Box 1270 • Nederland, CO 80466-1270 • 303-440-0913 • FAX: 303-258-7881

UA 253/88 Fear of Torture

27 September 1988

Turkey: Mustafa Guler, aged 57

Seher Guler, wife of above, aged 58

Ahmet Turan Guler, son of above, aged 27

Amnesty International is informed that Mustafa and Seher Guler, living in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) as migrant workers for almost 20 years, and their son Ahmet Turan Guler, a student in Oldenburg (FRG), were detained on or around 19 September 1988 shortly before they were due to leave Turkey after their holidays. They are currently held at Ankara Police Headquarters.

Reports in the Turkish press indicated that their detention might be in connection with the escape of 18 political prisoners from Kirsehir Closed Prison on 16 September 1988. Most of the escapees are alleged members of the illegal organization Devrimci Yol (Revolutionary Path) and some have been sentenced to death. It is feared that Mustafa Guler, his wife Seher Guler, and their son Ahmet Turan Guler may be ill-treated in order to extract further information on people assisting the escape.

Background Information

Turkey ratified the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture on 25 February 1988 and the UN Convention Against Torture on 2 August 1988. However, all information available to Amnesty International indicates that torture is still widespread and systematic in Turkey. Allegations of torture have continued since the transfer of power to a civilian government in 1983. 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. Under current legislation the maximum detention period before being formally charged or released is 24 hours: in cases involving three or more suspects or due to the 'nature of the crime' it may be extended to 15 days. This period may be extended to 30 days in areas under Emergency Legislation or Martial Law.

Recommended Action: telegrams/express letters/airmail letters:

- urging that Mustafa, Seher and Ahmet Turan Guler be granted access to their families and lawyers and that they not be ill-treated while in detention;
- requesting to be informed of the charges against them.

Appeals to:

-Your Honor-

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal
Office of the Prime Minister
Basbakanlik
Ankara, Turkey

(Telegrams:
Prime Minister, Ankara, Turkey)
(Telexes: 42293 SFA TR)

-Salutations-

-Your Excellency-

Minister of the Interior
Mustafa Kalemli
Icisleri Bakanligi
Ankara, Turkey

(Telegrams:
Interior Minister, Ankara, Turkey)
(Telexes: 46369 ICSL TR)

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Copies to: Ambassador Dr. Sukru Elekdag
Embassy of the Republic of Turkey
1606 23rd St NW
Washington DC 20008

Please send appeals immediately. Please check with the Colorado office
WEEKDAYS ONLY between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM Mountain Time if sending appeals
after October 26, 1988.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action and send a telegram or airmail letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.☐ In Urgent Action cases, A.I. has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when A.I. believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new information.☐ Information about the alleged connection of any person with an organization which is banned in their country is provided as information only and should not be included in appeals.☐ Correct salutations include: Dear Sir - for local authorities, prison commanders, police chiefs; Your Honor - for judges; Dear | <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Admiral, General, Captain, etc. - for military officers; Your Excellency - for most minister-level officials and state presidents; in closing you can use "Yours sincerely" or "Respectfully" for any authority.☐ Send your appeals in English unless you are fluent with the language.☐ Copies of any replies from government authorities should be sent immediately to the Colorado office. If appropriate, then the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.☐ Postage Costs: airmail letters cost 45 cents a page (1/2 oz.) to most countries; aerogrammes are 39 cents each; airmail postcards cost 36 cents to most countries; full-rate telegrams cost approximately 31 cents a word including address; text and signature, depending on the telegram company used. Mail with colorful stamps may not reach its destination. |
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City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR DAVID SULLIVAN

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 17, 1988

- WHEREAS:** It has come to the attention of this City Council that Mustafa and Seher Guler, living in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) as migrant workers for almost 20 years, along with their son Ahmet Turan Guler, a student in Oldenburg (FRG), were detained on or around September 19, 1988 shortly before they were due to leave Turkey after their holidays, and are currently held at Ankara Police Headquarters; and
- WHEREAS:** It appears these individuals might have been detained in connection with the escape of 18 political prisoners from Kirsehir Closed Prison on September 16, 1988, and it is feared that Mustafa, Seher and Ahmet may be ill-treated in order to extract further information on people assisting in the escape; and
- WHEREAS:** This City Council has and continues to be unilaterally opposed to such detainment and arrests of individuals working in foreign countries, making these people "political prisoners" and oftentimes subjecting them to inhumane treatment; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That this City Council go on record formally opposing such action and urging Turkish officials to grant Mustafa, Seher and Ahmet Turan Guler access to their families and lawyers and that they not be ill-treated while being detained; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to His Honor, Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, Office of the Prime Minister, Basbakanlik, Ankara, Turkey.

In City Council October 17, 1988.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #9 S-590

C.D. Sullivan re: resolutions formally opposing
the detainment of Mustafa, Seher & Ahmet Turan
Guler by Turkish officials & urging them to
grant this family access to their family &
lawyers.

In City Council,

October 17, 1988

10-17-88

C. D. Sullivan

Order Adopted

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