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From: Representation of Komalah Abroad

To: UNHCR in Geneva
Red Cross

Subject: Detention of tens of Iranian political refugees in Turkey and serious threat of deportation to Iran

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Dear Authorities,

We have got some exact news a couple of hours ago indicating that more than 55 Iranian political refugees including women and children in the town of Chankeri, Turkey, have been detained by Turkish police forces and have been told that police will deport them **tonight to Iran**. The detainees have been armed members of Kurdish political parties and organizations who have been fighting against the Islamic Regime of Iran for many years, some of them for more than 10 and 15 years. They have been in Turkey seeking asylum for more than 2 and 3 years, but, though recognized finally by UNHCR as political refugees, have not been transferred to a safe country to enjoy a normal and safe life, just because they had entered Turkey from Northern Iraq, not from Iran.

Now their life is in great danger. If Turkish police and government deport them to Iran, execution or at least long terms of imprisonment and torture will be their fate. Deportation of refugees to Iran has a black background by the Turkish government and police. Helping this group of refugees is very **urgent** and has to be done very quickly.