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TURKEY: Mahmut YILDIZ
 Ahmet KAYA

Amnesty International has learned that Ahmet Kaya was released on or around 5 October. It is not known whether he suffered any ill-treatment while in custody. Mahmut Yildiz appeared in court on Friday 5th October and was charged with sheltering Kurdish guerrillas. It is reported that he underwent severe torture during detention.

Mahmut Yildiz and Ahmet Kaya, from the village of Akdogmus, had been detained on 19 September, as part of an operation the security forces were carrying out in the Siirt region; it was estimated that between 100 and 200 villagers were taken into custody and detained for periods lasting from several hours to several weeks.

Amnesty International will continue to press for an investigation into their treatment while in custody; however, no further action is required by Urgent Action Network participants. Thank you to all who sent appeals on their behalf.