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TURKEY: hsan Kurt, Kurdish journalist
and scores of people in Adana

Further information has been received on the ill-treatment to which the journalist hsan Kurt was subjected while in police custody in Adana between 12 and 19 October 1992. He had been detained when taking photographs at the funeral of a killed PKK (Kurdish Workers Party) guerrilla on behalf of his newspaper, Özgür Gündem (Free Agenda).

hsan Kurt obtained a medical report about his state of health from the Forensic Medicine Institute, the contents of which are not known to Amnesty International. He complained to the prosecutor that he had been tortured, and his lawyer is asking for an investigation. When hsan Kurt was released reportedly there were still cuts on his head and bruises on his back and legs. Immediately after release he made the following statement:

"I was outside the main crowd taking photographs. The police wanted to take my camera. When I refused to hand it over they started to hit me, breaking my glasses and my camera. They took me to the police station. There six or seven anti-riot police officers (Çevik Kuvvet) attacked me on account of an article concerning the police which had appeared in the newspaper I work for. They beat me with truncheons, sticks, the butts of guns, and kicked and punched me. My eye was cut, and my back was injured. I waited in the corridor of the police station, and everyone who passed said, 'So you are the journalist' and beat me. I was more or less unconscious for three days because of the beatings I had received. I have two cuts on my head, wounds on my back and knees, and bruises and swelling all over my body."

No information is available to Amnesty International concerning the other people detained at the funeral.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network.