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TURKEY: Muharrem Erya_ar, aged 36, married with five children

Muharrem Erya_ar was released from Buca Prison on 30 October 1991. The Nazilli Public Prosecutor's office authorized his release on the basis of a report issued by the State Forensic Institute in Istanbul. He is now with his family, and the Izmir branch of the Human Rights Foundation have expressed their willingness to help in his treatment.

Amnesty International had been concerned about the refusal of the Turkish authorities to allow Muharrem Erya_ar adequate medical care. He is suffering from various diseases including inoperable cancer. Muharrem Erya_ar was serving a sentence of eight years and three months' imprisonment on charges of robbery, the proceeds of which were alleged to have been intended for an illegal political organization.

No further appeals are required. Thanks to all those who participated in this action.