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Turkey: Ayhan Aksözek, lawyer  
Musa Çakmak, headman of Yukar\_çepik village

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Waves of arrests were carried out by the security forces around 15 October 1990 in Kars and surrounding villages. Among the people taken into police custody were Ayhan Aksözek, a lawyer and the deputy president of the Turkish Human Rights Association (IHD) branch in Kars, and Musa Çakmak, the headman of Yukar\_çepik village. It is now known that Ayhan Aksözek and Musa Çakmak were formally arrested and taken to Erzincan prison where they are still held, pending the first hearing of their trial on 25 December when it is believed that they will be tried for membership of an illegal organization. It has been reported that a number of those detained during the police operation underwent torture and ill-treatment.

No further action is required by Urgent Action participants. However, Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation. Many thanks to all those who participated in this action.