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TURKEY

Serpil Polat (f), Kurd aged 22

On 14 January 1998 Serpil Polat was formally arrested and committed to prison in Bingöl to await trial. No information has been available so far regarding the charges and her treatment in police custody.

Serpil Polat had been detained at her home in Izmir on 2 January, reportedly on testimony from a PKK member turned state's witness in Bingöl, whose statements led to the detention of scores of people as far away as Istanbul and Izmir. Serpil Polat was transferred for interrogation to Bingöl in southeast Turkey on 4 January.

No further action is required at this stage. Thanks to all who sent appeals on behalf of Serpil Polat.

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