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TURKEY: Sevgi Erdo_an (female)
 Cavidan Kocaacar (f)

 Fatma Patlar (f), trade union official
 Aliye Ka_k_r (f), trade union official
 Fatma Gülten _e_en (f)
 Nilüfer Alcan (f)

 plus 46 other unnamed detainees

All those mentioned above were released on 25 July 1991. They were among some 60 people detained after police raided, and later closed, the offices of Özgür-Der (Association of Rights and Freedom). They report being beaten during the raid and afterwards in police custody. Fatma Patlar, who is said to have suffered concussion during the raid, is now reported to be in good health. No charges were brought against any of those detained, though their lawyers intend to take legal action against the police for the alleged ill-treatment.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor the case. No further action is therefore required by Urgent Action participants. Thanks to all those who participated in this action.