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Further information on UA 382/90 (EUR 44/132/90, 21 September) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Ahmet Avc_l)
 Abdullah Ak_n)
 Muhsil Ba_r_yan_k) from Erkent village
 Cihangir Cengiz, aged 70)
 Isa Bilek, aged 66)
 M. S_tk_Cengiz)
 Be_ir Akyüz)

 Ramazan Ekinici, headman)
 Alaattin Y_ld_z)
 Mahmut Y_ld_z)
 Necmettin K_l_çarslan, imam)
 Ömer Aslan)
 Halil Ekinici)
 Ahmet Erter)
 Kas_m Keskin) from Çizmeli village
 Abdullah Güne_)
 Abdulasanet Güne_)
 Nevzat Acar)
 Yahsin Y_ld_z)
 Abit Y_ld_z)
 Ihsan Aksu)

Amnesty International has learned that all the detainees from Erkent village were released without charge on Friday 28 September 90, with the exception of Be_ir Akyüz who was brought to court and charged with sheltering guerrillas. They had been held at Eruh Gendarmerie Headquarters, and not at Pervari as stated before. Those detained report having been beaten, being made to stand for long periods, having their heads beaten against the wall, and being deprived of food and water. Two of those detained, Obeyt Bayar and Ibrahim Beyven, (new names), are reported to be too sick to walk.

The members of the village refused to act as village protectors. All the menfolk of the village have now migrated to Siirt and it is thought that the entire village will shortly be evacuated.

The detainees from Çizmeli village were also held in Eruh Gendarmerie Headquarters, and not in Siirt as previously indicated. Cafer Ekinici and Abit Ekinici (new names) and Halil Ekinici, Ihsan Aksu, Yahsin Y_ld_z, Zübeyir Toprak, Omer Aslan, and one other appeared in Siirt Civil Court and were charged with sheltering Kurdish guerillas. The others were not charged. It is not known whether they were ill-treated in detention.

Amnesty International will continue to press for an investigation into their treatment while in custody; however, no further action is required by Urgent Action Network participants. Thank you to all who sent appeals on their behalf.