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TURKEY:

_lyas Ersöz

Mehmet Uzun

Vedat Demir

Burhan Demir

Ubeydullah Demir

Bahattin Çiçek

Hüsamettin Demir

Ramazan Gümü_

Those mentioned above are members of Turkey's Kurdish minority who were detained in the village of Akbulut, near the town of Palu, Elaz__ province in southeast Turkey on various dates between 7 and 16 December.

All the detainees were brought before a local court in Elaz__ on or around 24 December. _lyas Ersöz, Ramazan Gümü_, Vedat Demir and Mehmet Üzun were committed to Erzincan Prison on charges of harbouring and assisting guerrillas of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK). All the others were released. No detailed information is yet available about how the detainees were treated.

Please send no more appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the case and will inform the urgent action network if any further information is received.