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of Torture

Turkey: Mehdi Zana, former prisoner of conscience
Sava_Buldan
Alican Buldan
Bahattin Da_l_, brother of Leyla Zana, MP

According to newspaper reports, Mehdi Zana, Alican Buldan and Bahattin Da_l_ were released on 12 August 1992, while Sava_Buldan was formally arrested and committed to prison. The charges against Sava_Buldan are not known.

No details are available so far concerning their treatment in police custody. It appears that Mehdi Zana was not ill-treated. However, he made a public statement after release and is reported as saying: "The event is a conspiracy. The aim of the State was to exterminate me and my wife. The State knows that we are not members of the organization [presumably PKK]. We escaped from death."

No further action is required at this stage and we thank all UA participants for sending appeals on their behalf.