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TURKEY: Nermin ALKAN (f)

Amnesty International has learned that Nermin Alkan was formally arrested on the night of 12 October 90 and transferred to Sagmalc_lar Prison in Istanbul.

She had been detained on 3 October, and was held for ten days at the Political Branch of the Police Headquarters in Istanbul, where it was feared that she would be tortured. After her formal arrest, she reported that she had been slapped and punched during her detention by the police. It is believed that she will be charged with membership of an illegal organisation and hanging a poster without permission.

No further action is required by Urgent Action participants as the immediate danger to Nermin Alkan has now passed. Amnesty International will continue to monitor her situation. Thanks to all who participated in this action.