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Further information on UA 405/90 (EUR 44/144/90, 9 October 1990) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY: Nimet Sozen, deputy chairman of Petrol-Is in Batman  
Kasim Asutay, worker, member of Petrol-Is in Batman

Sadik Matyar )  
Ahmet Tural )  
Seyfettin Balcik )  
Recep Mente\_ (note corrected spelling) ) from  
Adnan Karayer ) Silvan  
Siran Eminoglu )  
Nüriye Tanis (f) (note corrected spelling) )  
Mehmet Uslu, member of Silvan Town Council )

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Large scale arrests carried out by the security forces in various towns around Diyarbakir, including in Silvan, resulted in the above-named people being taken into custody. They were all believed to be held at the Rapid Force Headquarters in Diyarbakir and it was feared that they would be tortured.

Amnesty International has now received information concerning them as follows:

Nimet Sozen and Kasim Asutay were released on 12 October and did not report torture.

Recep Mente\_ and Nüriye Tani\_ were formally arrested on 20 October 1990 and are currently held in Diyarbak\_r prison. It is believed that they will be charged with offering shelter to Kurdish guerrillas. They were reportedly badly beaten during detention.

Sadik Matyar, Ahmet Tural, Seyfettin Balcik, Adnan Karayer, Siran Eminoglu and Mehmet Uslu were released without charge.

No further action is now required, thank you to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.