



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 76124/14
Hovhannes BALASANYAN
against Armenia

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 10 March 2022 as a Committee composed of:

Jolien Schukking, *President*,

Armen Harutyunyan,

Ana Maria Guerra Martins, *judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above application lodged on 17 November 2014,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Hovhannes Balasanyan, was born in 1967. He was represented by Mr T. Safaryan, a lawyer practising in Yerevan.

The applicant's complaints under Article 5 §§ 3 and 5 of the Convention concerning the alleged lack of reasons for detention and the lack of compensation for non-pecuniary damage caused by allegedly unlawful detention, as well as his complaints under Articles 8 and 13 of the Convention concerning the breach of his right to respect for correspondence and family life and the lack of effective remedies in that respect were communicated to the Armenian Government ("the Government"), who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicant, who was invited to submit his own observations. No reply was received to the Registry's letter.

By letter dated 22 September 2020 the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had expired on 9 April 2020 and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicant's attention was drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application. No reply was received to this letter.

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By another letter dated 28 January 2021, sent by registered post, the applicant was again invited to reply by 12 March 2021. The applicant's lawyer received this letter. However, no response has followed.

The applicant or his lawyer have not contacted the Court since October 2017.

THE LAW

In the light of the foregoing, and in the absence of any special circumstances regarding respect for the rights guaranteed by the Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Court, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application.

Accordingly, the case should be struck out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases.

Done in English and notified in writing on 31 March 2022.

Viktoriya Maradudina
Acting Deputy Registrar

Jolien Schukking
President