



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

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 42891/05
Viktor Nikolayevich KOSTOUSOV against Russia
and six other applications
(see list appended)

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 23 September 2014 as a Committee composed of:

Khanlar Hajiyeu, *President*,

Julia Laffranque,

Erik Møse, *judges*,

and Søren Prebensen, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the dates listed in the appendix,

Having regard to the declarations submitted by the Government and the applicants' acceptance of their terms,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

1. A list of the applicants is set out in the appendix.
2. The Russian Government ("the Government") were represented by Mr G. Matyushkin, the Representative of the Russian Federation at the European Court of Human Rights.
3. The applicants complained, in particular, about the conditions of their detention in Russian penitentiary facilities, the conditions of their transport, and an excessive length of their detention on remand.
4. By letters submitted on various dates, the Government informed the Court that they proposed to make a declaration with a view to resolving the issues raised by the applications. They acknowledged that the applicants had been detained or transported in the conditions which did not comply with the requirements of Article 3 of the Convention. The Government stated their readiness to pay the following amounts to the applicants as just satisfaction: 4,000 euros (EUR) to Mr Kostousov, EUR 6,250 to Mr Galkin,

EUR 25,000 to Mr Rudenko, EUR 7,250 to Mr Khozyainov, EUR 5,938 to Mr Peschanskiy, EUR 4,675 to Mr Andrakhanov, and EUR 23,000 to Mr Kostrachenkov. The payment was to cover any pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage, together with any costs and expenses incurred, as well as any tax that may be chargeable. It would be effected within a period of three months from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court. In the event of failure to pay within that period, the Government undertook to pay simple interest on it, from expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points. The payment would constitute the final resolution of the cases.

5. In their letters of different dates, the applicants informed the Court that they agreed to the terms of the Government's declarations.

THE LAW

6. Having regard to the similarity of the main issues under the Convention in the above cases, the Court decides to join the applications and examine them in a single decision.

7. The Court considers that the applicants' agreement to the terms of the declarations made by the Government shall be considered as a friendly settlement between the parties (see *Cēsnieks v. Latvia* (dec.), no. 9278/06, § 34, 6 March 2012, and *Bakal and Others v. Turkey* (dec.), no. 8243/08, 5 June 2012).

8. The Court therefore takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and its Protocols and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the applications.

9. In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

For these reasons, the Court unanimously

Decides to join the applications,

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Søren Prebensen
Acting Deputy Registrar

Khanlar Hajiyev
President

APPENDIX

No	Application No	Lodged on	Applicant Date of birth Place of residence	Represented by
1.	42891/05	13/02/2006	Viktor Nikolayevich KOSTOUSOV 02/06/1966 Nizhniy Tagil	Olga DRUZHKOVA
2.	42862/08	18/08/2008	Igor Anatolyevich GALKIN 05/06/1965 Astrakhan	
3.	58573/10	21/09/2010	Sergey Vladimirovich RUDENKO 12/12/1981 Rostov-Na-Donu	Olga DRUZHKOVA
4.	15880/12	18/04/2012	Viktor Alekseyevich KHOZYAINOV 12/11/1983 Bor	
5.	42513/12	28/05/2012	Vladislav Valeryevich PESCHANSKIY 07/05/1980 St Petersburg	
6.	24979/13	05/03/2013	Pavel Vladimirovich ANDRAKHANOV 15/06/1980 Irkutsk	
7.	31288/13	17/04/2013	Aleksey Viktorovich KOSTRACHENKOV 24/07/1984 St Petersburg	