



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

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THIRD SECTION

Application no. 58087/14
George ANGHEL
against Romania
lodged on 25 October 2014

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant, Mr George Anghel, is a Romanian national, who was born in 1992. He is currently detained in Rahova Prison, in Bucharest.

The facts of the case, as submitted by the applicant, may be summarised as follows.

On an unspecified date, in March 2014, while he was serving a prison sentence in Rahova Prison, the applicant requested the prison authorities to provide him with a vegan diet, during the Lent fast before Easter, namely until 19 April 2014, in accordance with his Christian orthodox faith.

Despite a favorable response of the prison authorities, the applicant received vegan food only for lunch but not for the other meals of the day.

On 25 March 2014, he complained in this respect before the judge responsible for the surveillance of prisons (*judecătorul de supraveghere a privării de libertate*) in Rahova Prison.

On 3 April 2014, the judge allowed the applicant's complaint and ordered to the Prison authorities to provide him with a three meals Christian Orthodox fasting diet until 18 April 2014.

As the prison authorities did not contest it, the judgment of 3 April 2014 became final, but the Prison authorities did not comply with it.

COMPLAINTS

The applicant complains under Article 9, in respect of his freedom of religion, that he has not had been given food which is in accordance with his beliefs, namely a Christian Orthodox fasting diet that excluded food of animal origin, in spite of a final judgment requesting the Rahova Prison authorities to provide him with such a diet.

QUESTION TO THE PARTIES

Has there been an interference with the applicant's freedom of religion, within the meaning of Article 9 § 1 of the Convention? In particular, was the alleged failure of the Rahova prison authorities to provide the applicant with a Christian Orthodox fasting diet that excluded food of animal origin a breach of the applicant's right to manifest his religion within the meaning of this provision?