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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 24378/16
George-Florin BĂLAN against Romania
and 12 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 9 December 2021 as a Committee composed of:

Armen Harutyunyan, *President,*
Jolien Schukking,
Ana Maria Guerra Martins, *judges,*
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the various dates indicated in the appended table,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of the applicants is set out in the appendix.

The applicants' complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention were communicated to the Romanian Government, who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicants, who were invited to submit their own observations. No reply was received by the Court.

By letters sent by registered post, the applicants were notified that the time allowed for the submission of their observations had expired (see the appended table for the relevant dates). The applicants' attention was further 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 to these letters has been received by the Court (see details in the appended table). All the applicants were released from prison.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

In the light of the foregoing, the Court concludes that the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue the applications (Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention). Furthermore, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 *in fine*, the Court finds no special circumstances regarding respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto which require the continued examination of the applications.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications;

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

Done in English and notified in writing on 13 January 2022.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Armen Harutyunyan President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 3 of the Convention (inadequate conditions of detention)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Date of the applicant's last letter to the Court	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt of the registered letter	New time-limit for submission of observations by the applicant	Date of the applicant's release from prison
1.	24378/16 26/05/2016	**George-Florin BĂLAN** 1988		21/09/2016	12/08/2021	23/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant	23/09/2021	19/07/2016
2.	25478/16 27/05/2016	**Nicolae PIRI** 1972		29/09/2016	12/08/2021	25/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant	23/09/2021	16/09/2016
3.	25622/16 14/06/2016	**Laurențiu-Petrișor SACAGIU** 1978		27/04/2018	12/08/2021	23/08/2021 Illegible signature	23/09/2021	03/10/2017
4.	29088/16 22/06/2016	**Stanislav MOLDOVAN** 1972		17/07/2017	12/08/2021	25/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's sister	23/09/2021	27/06/2017
5.	32166/16 10/08/2016	**Renato-Vasile LAZĂR** 1986		12/06/2018	06/08/2021	16/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's mother	17/09/2021	25/09/2017
6.	38639/16 01/09/2016	**Gheorghe ARTENIE** 1979		16/11/2016	12/08/2021	24/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant	23/09/2021	09/08/2017
7.	38697/16 05/08/2016	**Costel-Viorel LUCAN** 1988		20/10/2016	12/08/2021	24/08/2021 Signed for receipt by by a third party living at the address indicated in the application form as home address	23/09/2021	03/10/2016

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8.	40765/16 01/08/2017	**Ion TOMA** 1948		29/11/2017	06/08/2021	18/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's wife	17/09/2021	23/05/2017
9.	41191/16 10/07/2016	**Gheorghe HĂISAN** 1981	Constantin Roșu Cordun	13/12/2017	06/08/2021	16/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's representative	17/09/2021	11/10/2016
10.	44778/16 22/08/2016	**Costel NĂDRAG** 1959		12/06/2019	06/08/2021	16/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant	17/09/2021	29/08/2017
11.	57466/19 02/12/2019	**Mihai-Marin APREOTESEI** 1969		15/09/2020	12/08/2021	24/08/2021 Illegible signature	23/09/2021	02/09/2020
12.	7901/20 24/03/2020	**Petrică CIOBANU** 1991		22/03/2021	13/08/2021	31/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's mother	24/09/2021	12/03/2021
13.	28837/20 24/08/2020	**Daniel BUDIRINCĂ** 1986		24/08/2020	13/08/2021	27/08/2021 Signed for receipt by a relative	24/09/2021	17/10/2020