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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 15508/07
Mithat DEMİRTAŞ and Others
against Turkey

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 8 November 2016 as a Committee composed of:

Nebojša Vučinić, *President,*
Valeriu Griţco,
Stéphanie Mourou-Vikström, *judges,*
and Hasan Bakırcı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 6 April 2007,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

A list of the applicants is set out in the appendix. They are all Turkish nationals and are represented before the Court by Mr S. Çınar, a lawyer practicing in Diyarbakır.

The Turkish Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent.

The applicants' complaint concerning the refusal of their legal aid was communicated to the Government, who submitted their 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 to the Registry's letter.

By letter dated 20 October 2014, sent by registered post, the applicants' representative was notified that the period allowed for submission of their observations had expired on 12 July 2012 and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicants' representative's attention was drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike a case out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the

conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application. The applicants' representative received this letter on 28 October 2014. However, no response has been received.

THE LAW

The Court considers that, in these circumstances, the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue their application, within the meaning of 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 its Protocols which require the continued examination of the case.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the case 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 1 December 2016.

Hasan Bakırcı
Deputy Registrar

Nebojša Vučinić
President

APPENDIX

1. Mithat DEMİRTAŞ, who was born in 1963, lives in Diyarbakır.
2. Cafer DEMİRTAŞ, who was born in 1993, lives in Diyarbakır.
3. Elif Hediye DEMİRTAŞ, who was born in 2001, lives in Diyarbakır.
4. Esra DEMİRTAŞ, who was born in 1989, lives in Diyarbakır.
5. Melahat DEMİRTAŞ, who was born in 1966, lives in Diyarbakır.
6. Özgür DEMİRTAŞ, who was born in 1991, lives in Diyarbakır.