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

# SECOND SECTION

# DECISION

Application no. 54624/20
Mehmet KAYA
against Türkiye

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 7 May 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Stéphane Pisani*, President*,
Juha Lavapuro,
Hugh Mercer*, judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application against the Republic of Türkiye lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ("the Convention") on 3 November 2020,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

## FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Mehmet Kaya, was born in 1972.

The applicant's complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning his alleged isolation during detention were communicated to the Turkish Government ("the Government"), who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits.

The Government's observations were transmitted to the applicant on 2 June 2025. By a letter dated 18 November 2025, sent by registered post, the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had expired on 15 July 2025 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 his application. That letter was returned on 19 January 2026 as the applicant could not be found in the indicated address. The applicant did not notify the Court of any change of address since the application had been lodged.

# 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 28 May 2026.

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| Viktoriya Maradudina<br>Acting Deputy Registrar | Stéphane Pisani<br>President |