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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 5321/22
Hafize KAZCI
against Türkiye

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 18 September 2025 as a Committee composed of:

Gediminas Sagatys*, President*,
Stéphane Pisani,
Juha Lavapuro*, judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 10 January 2022,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Ms Hafize Kazcı, was born in 1986. She was represented by Mr Ö. Demir, a lawyer practising in Istanbul.

The applicant is the editor of the news website "habersol.org.tr". The applicant's complaint under Article 10 of the Convention, concerning her sentencing to a judicial fine in connection with an article published on the aforementioned website, was communicated to the Turkish Government ("the Government"), who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicant's representative, who was invited to submit observations in reply. No answer was received to the Registry's letter.

By letter dated 2 April 2025 sent to the applicant's representative simultaneously through the Court's Electronic Communications Service (eComms) and by registered post, the representative was notified that the period allowed for submission of the observations had expired on 29 August 2024 and that no extension of time had been requested. The representative'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 the application.

The letters were respectively downloaded by the applicant's representative on 2 April 2025, and served on her on 11 April 2025. However, no response has followed.

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 9 October 2025.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Gediminas Sagatys President