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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 16489/20
Petar MILOVANOVIĆ and Janko JAKOVLJEVIĆ
against Serbia
(see appended table)

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

Úna Ní Raifeartaigh, *President,*
Mateja Đurović,
Vasilka Sancin*, judges*,
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 12 March 2020,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the case,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicants' details are set out in the appended table.

The applicants were represented by Mr P. Savić, a lawyer practising in Belgrade.

The applicants' complaints concerning the ineffective investigation of the death of their relatives were communicated to the Serbian Government ("the Government").

On 28 May and 14 July 2025, the Court received the friendly settlement declarations signed by the parties.

The declaration signed by the Government read:

> "The Government of Serbia hereby express their acknowledgement, with regret, of a violation of the applicants' rights under the procedural limb of Article 2 of the Convention, arising from deficiencies in the investigation into the deaths of Mr Dragan Jakovljević and Mr Dražen Milovanović.
>
> Within the framework of the present settlement, the Government undertake to ensure the conduct of an effective official investigation into the deaths of Mr Dragan Jakovljević and Mr Dražen Milovanović. This investigation shall be carried out under

the close scrutiny of a high-ranking prosecutor and in full compliance with the principles established in the Court's relevant case-law.

In addition to that, in the light of the above considerations and taking into account the factual circumstances of the case, the Government undertake to pay the sum of EUR 30,000 (thirty thousand euros) to each of the applicants to cover any and all pecuniary or non-pecuniary damages as well as costs and expenses, plus any tax that may be chargeable to them.

These sums will be converted into Serbian dinars at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court to strike the case out of its list of cases. In the event of failure to pay these sums within the said three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, from expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points. The payment will constitute the final resolution of the case."

THE LAW

The Court takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the application.

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 in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 9 October 2025.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Úna Ní Raifeartaigh President

APPENDIX

Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of applicants' declaration	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros)[1]
16489/20 12/03/2020	**Petar MILOVANOVIĆ** 1952 **Janko JAKOVLJEVIĆ** 1953	Savić Predrag Belgrade	14/07/2025	28/05/2025	30,000

[1] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.