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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 18767/13
Vladimir Grigoryevich TANKANAG and Others against Russia
and 4 other applications
(see list appended)

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 13 December 2016 as a Committee composed of:

Helen Keller, *President,*
Pere Pastor Vilanova,
Alena Poláčková, *judges,*
and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

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

The Russian Government ("the Government") were represented by Mr G. Matyushkin, the Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Court of Human Rights.

The applicants complained under Article 6 of the Convention and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the Convention about unlawful extension of the time-limits for lodging a casation appeals and quashing of the final domestic judgments in their favour.

On 28 August and 1 October 2014 the applicants' complaints were 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.

On different dates the representatives of Mr Tankanag, Mr Kuchmenov, Mr Kerefov, Mr Stashyalis, Mr Karpenko, Mr Bezrodnov, Mr Veresov, Mr Nikitenko and Mr Zaichenko informed the Court that they had either

lost contact with the applicants or in case of Mr Kostromskoy the applicant had been dead and none of his relatives expressed a wish to pursue his application before the Court. Therefore the applicants' representatives were unable to submit observations on the applicants' behalf.

As for Mr Volotskiy the widow of the late applicant submitted the death certificate and the certificate of marriage expressing her wish to pursue the application on the late applicant's behalf.

On different dates, indicated in the appendix, by letters, sent by registered post, the applicants, except for Mr Kostromskoy and Mr Volotskiy, were notified that the period allowed for submission of their observations had expired and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicants 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. No response has been received from the applicants.

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.

As regards Mr Volotskiy's application the Court observes that the late applicant's widow, Ms Volotskaya, failed to submit a succession certificate confirming that she had accepted the late applicant's succession (see *Streltsov and other "Novocherkassk military pensioners" cases v. Russia*, nos. 8549/06 and 86 others, § 39, 29 July 2010, with further references and by contrast, *Shurygina and Others v. Russia*, [Committee], nos. 2982/05, 5991/05, 9546/05 and 24130/06, § 16). In these circumstances, and having regard to its case-law, the Court considers that Ms Volotskaya has no standing to pursue the application on behalf of her late husband.

As regards the other applicants, the Court considers that the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue their applications, 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 cases.

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 19 January 2017.

Fatoş Aracı
Deputy Registrar

Helen Keller
President

APPENDIX

No.	Application No. Lodged on	Applicant Date of birth Place of residence Nationality Represented by	Date of communication	Date of the last correspondence
1.	18767/13 12/02/2013	**Vladimir Grigoryevich TANKANAG** 18/10/1938 Nalchik Russian **Andemirkan Muratovich KUCHMENOV** 01/07/1937 Shalushka Russian **Karalbi Gidovich KEREFOV** 09/12/1939 Shalushka Russian Magamed Saltanmuratovich ABUBAKAROV	28/08/2014	12/05/2014
2.	28481/13 08/04/2013	**Algis Kazio STASHYALIS** 04/03/1963 Prokhladnyy Russian Zaur Borisovich GESHEV	01/10/2014	21/10/2015
3.	58425/13 26/08/2013	**Viktor Mikhaylovich KOSTROMSKOY** 18/10/1955 Prokhladnyy Russian Magamed Saltanmuratovich ABUBAKAROV	01/10/2014	19/10/2015

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4.	58433/13 26/08/2013	**Aleksandr Fedorovich KARPENKO** 07/06/1953 Mayskiy Russian **Mikhail Yakovlevich BEZRODNOV** 06/06/1953 Mayskiy Russian Magamed Saltanmuratovich ABUBAKAROV	01/10/2014	21/10/2015
5.	58580/13 26/08/2013	**Aleksey Sergeyevich VERESOV** 19/03/1954 Prokhladnyy Russian **Viktor Viktorovich VOLOTSKIY** 16/08/1946 Prokhladnyy Russian **Sergey Pavlovich NIKITENKO** 20/04/1954 Aleksandrovskaya Russian **Aleksandr Vasilyevich ZAICHENKO** 05/12/1950 Aleksandrovskaya Russian Magamed Saltanmuratovich ABUBAKAROV	01/10/2014	21/10/2015