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

FIFTH SECTION

DECISION

Applications nos. 8226/19 and 31688/20
Shahane VARDANYAN against Armenia
and Vachik PETROSYAN against Armenia
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section), sitting on 6 November 2025 as a Committee composed of:

Andreas Zünd*, President*,
Diana Sârcu,
Mykola Gnatovskyy, *judges*,
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

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

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of applicants is set out in the appended table.

The applicants' complaints under Article 2 of the Convention concerning their sons' deaths during compulsory military service and the alleged ineffective investigation into their deaths were communicated to the Armenian Government ("the Government").

The Court received the friendly-settlement declarations, signed by the parties, under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Armenia in respect of the facts giving rise to these applications, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay them the amounts detailed in the appended table. These amounts will be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay these amounts within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, from the 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 payments will constitute the final resolution of the cases.

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.

The Court takes note of the friendly settlements reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlements are 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 applications.

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 in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 27 November 2025.

Viktoriya Maradudina	Andreas Zünd
Acting Deputy Registrar	President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 2 of the Convention (death during military service and alleged ineffective investigation of the death)

No.	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 Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros)[1]
1.	8226/19 16/01/2019	**Shahane VARDANYAN** 1976	Zalyan Arayik Vanadzor	15/07/2025	15/07/2025	15,000
2.	31688/20 02/07/2020	**Vachik PETROSYAN** 1970	Chatinyan Ani Vanadzor	03/07/2025	03/07/2025	20,000

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