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Case of *Kavala v. Türkiye* (no. 2): time-limit for submitting requests to intervene as a third party set at six weeks

The case concerns Mr Kavala's detention after the judgment delivered by the Court on 10 December 2019 (*Kavala v. Turkey*, no. 28749/18, 10 December 2019) and the ensuing criminal proceedings in which he was sentenced to aggravated life imprisonment.

On 16 December 2025 the Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights to which the case of *Kavala v. Türkiye* (no. 2) (application no. 2170/24) had been allocated relinquished jurisdiction in favour of the Grand Chamber of the Court.

This information was published on the Court's internet site on 18 December 2025.

Relinquishment in favour of the Grand Chamber in the case of *Kavala v. Türkiye* (no. 2)

The Court subsequently decided that a hearing would be held on 25 March 2026 and the President of the Court invited the parties to submit their written observations by 26 January 2026 at the latest.

By derogation from the time-limit of twelve weeks laid down in Rule 44 § 4 of the Rules of Court, the President of the Court has decided, having regard to the time constraints preceding the hearing, to fix the time-limit for submitting requests to intervene as a third party in the present case at six weeks, that is, on 29 January 2026, in accordance with Rule 44 and paragraph 20 (c) of the Practice directions on third-party intervention.

In consequence, any other Contracting Party or any person concerned who wishes to intervene as a third party in the present proceedings (Rule 44 § 3 of the Rules of Court) must submit the corresponding request by 29 January 2026. If this leave is granted, the written observations must be sent to the Court by 12 February 2026 at the latest.

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