



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

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 6024/07
Vyacheslav PETSOV against Russia
and 2 other applications
(see list appended)

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 16 October 2012 as a Committee composed of:

Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska, *President*,

Anatoly Kovler,

Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, *judges*,

and André Wampach, *Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the dates set out 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 at the European Court of Human Rights.

The applicants complained under Article 3 of the Convention about the conditions of their detention in various Russian penitentiary facilities.

By letters dated 18 April and 27 August 2012, the Government informed the Court of the applicants’ deaths.

The Court did not receive any correspondence from the applicants’ heirs or next-of-kin.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similarity of the main issues under the Convention in the above cases, the Court decides to join the applications.

The Court notes that the applicants in the above cases have deceased and that no relatives or heirs have manifested themselves. It has been the Court's practice to strike applications out of the list of cases in the absence of any heir or close relative who has expressed the wish to pursue an application (see *Léger v. France* (striking out) [GC], no. 19324/02, § 44, 30 March 2009, with further references). Furthermore, the Court does not consider that the present cases involved an important question of general interest transcending the person and the interests of individual applicants.

Accordingly, the Court concludes that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the applications within the meaning of Article 37 § 1 of the Convention.

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.

André Wampach
Deputy Registrar

Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska
President

APPENDIX

No	Application No	Lodged on	Applicant Date of birth Place of residence
1.	6024/07	15/01/2007	Vyacheslav Vasilyevich PETSOV 20/11/1959 Yelizorovo
2.	54868/08	29/07/2008	Anton Ivanovich SHOSTAK 19/09/1982 Rzhev
3.	63107/09	19/04/2010	Aleksandr Vladimirovich VANYUSHENKO 04/04/1977 Tomsk