Judgments and decisions of 7 April 2016

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing 12 judgments¹ and 58 decisions²:

one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

one Chamber judgment and 10 Committee judgments, which concern issues which have already been submitted to the Court, and the 58 decisions can be consulted on <u>Hudoc</u> and do not appear in this press release.

The judgment below is available only in French.

Ali Cheema and Others v. Greece (application no. 7059/14)

The applicants are 23 persons of different nationalities who were detained in Larissa Prison (Greece) at different times.

The case concerned their conditions of detention in Larissa Prison.

The applicants complained in particular about overcrowding in the prison, which accommodates between 780 and 942 persons whereas its capacity is 550 detainees. They complained in particular of the lack of space in the cells, the lack of hygiene, insufficient heating and hot water and inadequate numbers of medical staff.

Relying on Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) and Article 13 (right to an effective remedy) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the applicants complained of the conditions of detention in Larissa prison and of the lack of an effective remedy to protest against those conditions.

Violation of Article 3 – on account of the lack of sufficient personal space – in respect of Tanveer Ali Cheema, Dimitrios Atsonios, Ali Barlas Nasir, Vasil Halili, Mihail Iliev, Ioannis Ischonopoulos, Abdul Razak Kadalou, Dimitrios Kallios, Evaggelos Kaniris, Dimitrios Karagiannis, Dimosthenis Koemtzis, Stylianos Laskaris, Dajlan Metaj, Dulal Mondual, Maliq Mustafa, Asif Muhammad, Evaggelos Sakkas, Iqbal Javid, Ahmad Shahzad, Andrea Shoshari and Najeeb Ullah

No violation of Article 3 – in respect of Saad Javed

Violation of Article 13 in conjunction with Article 3 – in respect of Tanveer Ali Cheema, Dimitrios Atsonios, Ali Barlas Nasir, Vasil Halili, Mihail Iliev, Ioannis Ischonopoulos, Saad Javed, Abdul Razak Kadalou, Dimitrios Kallios, Evaggelos Kaniris, Dimitrios Karagiannis, Dimosthenis Koemtzis, Stylianos Laskaris, Dajlan Metaj, Dulal Mondual, Maliq Mustafa, Asif Muhammad, Evaggelos Sakkas, Iqbal Javid, Ahmad Shahzad, Andrea Shoshari and Najeeb Ullah

The Court further decided to **strike** the application **out** of its list of cases as far as Isqbal Nasar was concerned.

Just satisfaction: EUR 2,000 euros (EUR) to Saad Javed and EUR 8,000 each to Tanveer Ali Cheema, Dimitrios Atsonios, Ali Barlas Nasir, Vasil Halili, Mihail Iliev, Ioannis Ischonopoulos, Abdul Razak

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² Inadmissibility and strike-out decisions, are final.



¹ Under Articles 43 and 44 of the Convention, Chamber judgments are not final. During the three-month period following a Chamber judgment's delivery, any party may request that the case be referred to the Grand Chamber of the Court. If such a request is made, a panel of five judges considers whether the case deserves further examination. In that event, the Grand Chamber will hear the case and deliver a final judgment. If the referral request is refused, the Chamber judgment will become final on that day. Under Article 28 of the Convention, judgments delivered by a Committee are final.

Kadalou, Dimitrios Kallios, Evaggelos Kaniris, Dimitrios Karagiannis, Dimosthenis Koemtzis, Stylianos Laskaris, Dajlan Metaj, Dulal Mondual, Maliq Mustafa, Asif Muhammad, Evaggelos Sakkas, Iqbal Javid, Ahmad Shahzad, Andrea Shoshari and Najeeb Ullah for non-pecuniary damage; and EUR 1,500 jointly to these 22 applicants for costs and expenses

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