



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

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FOURTH SECTION

Applications nos. 15995/18 and 38686/22
Server KARAMETOV against Russia
and Valentin Valentinovich BALAMUTIN against Russia
(see table appended)

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

Following a preliminary examination of the admissibility of the applications on 3 September 2026, the Court decided, under Rule 54 § 2 (b) of the Rules of Court, that notice of the applications should be given to the Government of Russia.

In some applications, other complaints were raised. Their examination has been adjourned, or they have been struck out of the Court's list of cases or declared inadmissible by the Court, sitting in a single-judge formation, assisted by a rapporteur as provided for in Article 24 § 2 of the Convention.

In the enclosed table, whenever an applicant is referred to using initials, this indicates that the Court has authorised anonymity for that person, whose identity will not be disclosed to the public (Rule 47 § 4).

For further information on the procedure following communication of an application brought against Russia, subject of well-established case law of the Court, please refer to the Court's [Internet Site](#).

SUBJECT MATTER

The applications concern complaints raised under Article 10 of the Convention relating to disproportionate measures taken against solo demonstrators in Crimea, which are the subject of well-established case law of the Court (see *Ukraine v. Russia (re Crimea)* [GC], nos. 20958/14 and 38334/18, §§ 931-46 and 1099, 25 June 2024, and *Novikova and Others v. Russia*, nos. 25501/07 and 4 others, 26 April 2016).

APPENDIX – STATEMENT OF FACTS

List of applications raising complaints under Article 10 of the Convention
(disproportionate measures against solo demonstrators)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Location Date Purpose of the demonstration	Administrative charges Penalty	Final domestic decision Date Name of the court	Other relevant information	Other complaints under well- established case-law
1.	15995/18 14/03/2018	Server KARAMETOV 1941 Died in 2018 HEIR: Enver KARAMETOV Born in 1974	Anastasiya Romanivna Martynovska Kyiv	Simferopol 08/08/2017 Solo demonstration in front of the "Supreme Court of Crimea" ¹ in protest against the criminal proceedings brought against the leaders of the Crimean Tatar People	Article 20.2 § 1 of CAO; administrative fine of RUB 10,000	28/09/2017 "Supreme Court of Crimea"	-	Art. 6 (1) - tribunal not "established by law" - the applicant's case was determined by courts operating in Crimea under the Russian legal framework, which could not be regarded as tribunals "established by law".
2.	38686/22 28/07/2022	Valentin Valentinovich BALAMUTIN 1982	Varvara Dmitriyevna Mikhaylova St Petersburg	River bank in Yalta 26/02/2022 Solo demonstration against the war in Ukraine	Article 20.6.1 § 1 of CAO; administrative fine of RUB 2,000	27/04/2022 "Supreme Court of Crimea"	Ban on holding public events in view of COVID-19 restrictions	Art. 5 (1) – unlawful deprivation of liberty, including unrecorded detention and detention without a judicial order and any other legal basis – the applicant was arrested and escorted to the police station at 7.50 p.m. on 26/02/2022 for compiling an offence report; he was released around 9.50 p.m. on the same day; Art. 6 (1) - tribunal not "established by law" – the applicant's case was determined by courts operating in Crimea under the Russian legal framework, which could not be regarded as tribunals "established b law".

¹ The names of courts established in Crimea under Russian law are indicated in inverted commas (see *Ukraine v. Russia (re Crimea)* [GC], nos. 20958/14 and 38334/18, § 41, 25 June 2024).