



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

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SECOND SECTION

Application no. 43792/21
Hasan TAŞKIN against Türkiye
and 10 other applications
(see list appended)
communicated on 7 September 2026

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CASE

The applications concern disciplinary sanctions imposed on the applicants (for details regarding the nature of and reasons given for the sanctions, see the Appendix), civil servants at the material time, on account of their participation in certain public assemblies, such as marches and demonstrations, and/or making press statements and chanting slogans during these assemblies.

The domestic authorities considered that the disciplinary sanctions for the impugned participation in assemblies and statements were appropriate and necessary given the duties incumbent upon the applicants by virtue of their civil servant status.

Invoking Articles 10 and 11 of the Convention, the applicants complain that the disciplinary sanctions in question breached their rights to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly.

In addition, invoking Article 6 § 1 of the Convention, the applicants in application no. 49730/21 complained about the length of the proceedings before the Constitutional Court. The proceedings concerned lasted between approximately three years and six months and three years and ten months respectively.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

1. Has there been an interference with the applicants' right to freedom of expression and/or freedom of peaceful assembly, within the meaning of Articles 10 § 1 and 11 § 1 of the Convention, on account of the sanctions imposed upon them (see *Vogt v. Germany*, 26 September 1995, §§ 44 and 65, Series A no. 323, and *Kula v. Turkey*, no. 20233/06, §§ 36-40, 19 June 2018)?

2. If so, was that interference prescribed by law and necessary in a democratic society within the meaning of Articles 10 § 2 and/or 11 § 2 (see, for the general principles, *Baka v. Hungary* [GC], no. 20261/12, §§ 158-62, 23 June 2016; *Ezelin v. France*, 26 April 1991, §§ 42-53, Series A no. 202, and *Dedecan and Ok v. Turkey*, nos. 22685/09; and 39472/09, §§ 30-41, 22 September 2015)?

3. Having regard to the circumstances of each case, in particular, the applicants' participation in the impugned public assemblies, the content of the statements made during these assemblies, and the context in which they were expressed, did the national courts carry out a sufficient examination and strike a proper balance between the interests at stake, in the light of the criteria set out by the Court in its case-law on freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly (see *Baka*, cited above, § 162; *Ezelin*, cited above, §§ 51-53; *Öğrü and Others v. Turkey*, nos. 60087/10 and 2 others, §§ 66-70, 19 December 2017; and *Kula v. Turkey*, cited above, §§ 44-52)?

Additional question for application no. 49730/21

4. Were the proceedings before the Constitutional Court in application no. 49730/21 concluded within a "reasonable time" in accordance with Article 6 § 1 of the Convention (see *Frydlender v. France* [GC], no. 30979/96, § 43, ECHR 2000-VII; *Ümmühan Kaplan v. Turkey*, no. 24240/07, § 45, 20 March 2012, and *Project-Trade d.o.o. v. Croatia*, no. 1920/14, §§ 99-104, 19 November 2020)?

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APPENDIX

No.	Application no.	Case name	Lodged on	Applicant Year of Birth Place of Residence Nationality	Represented by	Sanctions Imposed	Alleged acts for which sanctions were imposed
1.	43792/21	Taşkın v. Türkiye	29/07/2021	Hasan TAŞKIN 1978 Antalya Turkish	Nusret GÜRGÖZ	Suspension of grade advancement for one year	Participating in a demonstration, including a sit-in protest and a press statement
2.	49730/21	Atasoy Tekdemir and Others v. Türkiye	29/09/2021	Gülistan ATASOY TEKDEMİR 1981 Adana Turkish Mehmet AKARSUBAŞI 1967 Adana Turkish Yalçın ALÇİÇEK 1967 Adana Turkish Orhan ALICI 1955 Adana Turkish Güven BOĞA 1954 Adana Turkish Halil KARA	Sevil ARACI	Warning	Participating in the “Gezi Park” protests

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				1967 Adana Turkish Münir KORKMAZ 1962 Adana Turkish Mehmet Rüştü ŞATIR 1955 Adana Turkish			
3.	10865/22	Doğan v. Türkiye	15/02/2022	Dursun DOĞAN 1964 Istanbul Turkish	Duygu DEMİREL BAŞAR	Reprimand	Participating in marches, funerals and commemoration events, organised for deceased persons who were allegedly members of a terrorist organisation, and making press statements criticising security operations
4.	12184/22	Esen v. Türkiye	14/02/2022	Erkan ESEN 1980 Balıkesir Turkish	Necmiye ŞABBAZ BAŞEL	Suspension of grade advancement for one year	Participating in a demonstration organised to

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							protest against the “ <i>Ankara Gar</i> attack” and chanting anti-AKP (Justice and Development Party) slogans during this demonstration
5.	12188/22	Bulut v. Türkiye	31/01/2022	Hakan BULUT 1984 Kayseri Turkish	Bedia BORAN BULUT	Suspension of grade advancement for one year	Participating in demonstrations organised by the DBP (Democratic Regions Party) and the HDP (Peoples’ Democratic Party)
6.	16856/22	Harmancı v. Türkiye	23/03/2022	Şah İsmail HARMANCI 1960 Adıyaman Turkish	Duygu DEMİREL BAŞAR	Reprimand	Participating in a demonstration organised to protest against ISIS attacks, which was considered by the domestic authorities to constitute propaganda in favour of a terrorist organisation

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7.	29175/22	Dursun v. Türkiye	27/05/2022	Kadri DURSUN 1984 Muş Turkish	Bedia BORAN BULUT	Reassignment and transfer to another city	Participating in demonstrations organised by the DBP (Democratic Regions Party) and the HDP (Peoples' Democratic Party)
8.	17466/24	Yılmaz v. Türkiye	27/05/2024	Esin YILMAZ 1985 Şırnak Turkish	Bedia BORAN BULUT	Suspension of grade advancement for one year	Participating in a demonstration to protest against violence against women, during which allegedly deceased female members of the PKK were commemorated
9.	19170/24	Ok v. Türkiye	27/05/2024	Serap OK 1975 Şırnak Turkish	Bedia BORAN BULUT	Suspension of grade advancement for one year	Participating in a demonstration to protest against violence against women, during which allegedly deceased female members of

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							the PKK were commemorated, and acting as spokesperson at that demonstration
10.	19457/24	Çelik v. Türkiye	27/06/2024	Olcay ÇELİK 1980 Stains Turkish	Duygu DEMİREL BAŞAR	Dismissal	Participating in a march to protest against the lifting of parliamentary immunity of several MPs, and sharing political content regarding the matter on a social media account
11.	11384/25	Karabaş v. Türkiye	17/03/2025	Serkan KARABAŞ 1984 Diyarbakır Turkish	Öztürk TÜRKDOĞAN	Dismissal	Participating in a demonstration which the domestic authorities considered to have been organised in support of a terrorist organisation (PKK/KCK), chanting slogans and sharing photographs

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							and posts on social media