



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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 61045/21
Péter JAKAB
against Hungary
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 17 September 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Stéphane Pisani, *President*,

Juha Lavapuro,

Hugh Mercer, *judges*,

and Attila Teplán, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above application against Hungary lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (“the Convention”) on 19 November 2021,

Having regard to the declaration submitted by the respondent Government requesting the Court to strike the application out of the list of cases, and the applicant’s reply to this declaration,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant’s details are set out in the appended table.

The applicant was represented by Ms E. Frank, a lawyer practising in Budapest.

The applicant’s complaint under Article 10 of the Convention concerning a fine imposed on him by the Speaker of Parliament was communicated to the Hungarian Government (“the Government”). Complaints based on the same facts were also communicated under other provisions of the Convention.

The Government submitted a declaration with a view to resolving the issues raised by these complaints. They further requested the Court to strike out the application.

The Government acknowledged that the imposition of a fine on the applicant amounted to a violation of the Convention rights he relied on. They

offered to pay the applicant the amounts detailed in the appended table and invited the Court to strike the application out of the list of cases in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention. The amounts would be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and would be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay these amounts within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertook to pay simple interest on them, from the expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

The payment will constitute the final resolution of the case.

The applicant informed the Court that he agreed to the terms of the declaration.

THE LAW

The Court finds that, following the applicant's express agreement to the terms of the declaration made by the Government, the case should be treated as a friendly settlement between the parties.

It therefore takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify the continued examination of the application.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the case out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 8 October 2026.

Attila Teplán
Acting Deputy Registrar

Stéphane Pisani
President

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APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 10 of the Convention
(Freedom of expression)

Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Other complaints under well-established case-law	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of applicant's acceptance	Amount awarded for pecuniary damage per applicant (in euros) ¹	Amount awarded for costs and expenses per application (in euros) ²
61045/21 19/11/2021	Péter JAKAB 1980	Frank Evelyn Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law	03/07/2026	16/07/2026	27,221	500

¹ Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.

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