



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

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SECOND SECTION

Application no. 14188/25
Musa ALTAŞ
against Türkiye
lodged on 24 April 2025
communicated on 22 September 2026

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CASE

The application concerns the imposition on the applicant, who was detained in a prison at the relevant time, of a disciplinary sanction of eleven-day solitary confinement. The sanction was imposed on charges of disseminating propaganda of a terrorist organization by two letters sent to the Ministry of Justice of Türkiye and the prison authorities. The letters concerned a hunger strike that the applicant had started in protest against the solitary confinement of the leader of the illegal armed organisation PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party).

Relying on Article 10 of the Convention, the applicant complained about the disciplinary sanction imposed on him.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

1. Did the disciplinary sanction imposed on the applicant constitute an interference with his right to freedom of expression, in particular his right to impart information and ideas, within the meaning of Article 10 § 1 of the Convention?

2. If so, was that interference prescribed by law, did it pursue a legitimate aim and was it necessary in a democratic society within the meaning of Article 10 § 2 of the Convention?

3. In particular, did the domestic courts carry out an adequate balancing exercise between the applicant's freedom of expression and public interests invoked by national authorities on account of the disciplinary sanction imposed on the applicant (see *Bédat v. Switzerland* [GC], no. 56925/08, § 48, ECHR 2016; *Gözel and Özer v. Turkey*, nos. 43453/04 and 31098/05, § 64, 6 July 2010; *Kula v. Turkey*, no. 20233/06, §§ 45 and 46, 19 June 2018; and *Mehmet Çiftçi v. Türkiye*, no. 53208/19, § 40, 16 November 2021)?