



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

## FIRST SECTION

### DECISION

Application no. 57085/18  
T.K. and Others  
against Slovakia

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 5 March 2024 as a Committee composed of:

Péter Paczolay, *President*,

Alena Poláčková,

Gilberto Felici, *judges*,

and Liv Tigerstedt, *Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above application lodged on 28 November 2018,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the case,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

### FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicants are three Slovak nationals, T.K, D.K and R.P. who were born in 1997, 1965 and 1976, respectively. They live in Vrbnica and were represented by Ms V. Durbáková, a lawyer practicing in Košice. The President of the Section decided under Rule 47 § 4 of the Rules of Court that the applicants should be granted anonymity.

The Government of the Slovak Republic (“the Government”) were represented by their Agent, Ms M. Bálintová.

Relying on Articles 3, 13 and 14 of the Convention, the applicants raised a number of complaints linked to a police operation of 2 April 2015 in their community in Vrbnica and the ensuing investigation into allegations of ill-treatment and discrimination at hands of the police officers involved.

On 6 and 7 February 2024 the Court received friendly settlement declarations signed by the parties, which included the following text:

“...given the similarity of the issues raised by the applicants in this case pending before the European Court of Human Rights with those obtaining in the case of *R.R. and R.D. v. Slovakia* (no. 20649/18, 1 September 2020) and the fact that any general measures

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to be taken for the implementation of the judgement in the said case are also relevant to the facts forming the basis of the present application, the Government of the Slovak Republic [would] pay *ex gratia* with a view to securing a friendly settlement of the present case

- to each of the applicants [T.K., D.K. and R.P.] EUR 13,750 (thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty euros), plus any tax that may be chargeable, to cover any and all non-pecuniary damage and

- to these applicants jointly EUR 7,210 (seven thousand two hundred and ten euros), plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants, to cover any and all costs and expenses.

These sums [are] payable within one month from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court to strike the case out of its list of cases.”

Furthermore, under the said declarations, from the expiry of the above-mentioned one month until settlement simple interest is payable on the above amounts at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points, the applicants have waived any further claims against Slovakia in respect of the facts giving rise to this application, and the payment is to constitute a final resolution of the case.

## THE LAW

The Court 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 its Protocols and finds no reasons to justify a 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 28 March 2024.

Liv Tigerstedt  
Deputy Registrar

Péter Paczolay  
President