



1,549 cases against Georgia concerning the Georgia-Russia conflict of August 2008 struck out by the European Court of Human Rights

The Court has decided to strike out of the list of pending cases before it 1,549 applications belonging to a group of more than 3,300 individual applications against Georgia. The applications concerned, in particular, hostilities on the territory of South Ossetia¹, in which the armed forces of Georgia and Russia as well as members of South-Ossetia militia had been involved in August 2008.

The applicants are inhabitants of South Ossetia, servicemen of the Russian Army assigned to the peace-keeping battalion which was deployed in Tskhinvali at the relevant time or their next-of-kin. Depending on the individual circumstances of their cases, the applicants invoked several provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols, namely Articles 2 (right to life), 3 (prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment), 8 (right to respect for private and family life), 13 (right to an effective remedy) and 14 (prohibition of discrimination) of the Convention and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property) to the Convention.

Having received no response to its request for information, sent on two separate occasions in 2010 to the applicants' legal representatives, the Court decided to join and strike out 1,549 of the 3,300 cases belonging to the group.

The Court's decision exists only in English and can be found [here](#).

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The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe Member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.

¹ The term "South-Ossetia" refers to the region of Georgia which is beyond de facto control of the Georgian Government.