



Communication of 546 applications relating to the provisional detention of judges and prosecutors following the attempted coup d'état of 15 July 2016

On 17 May 2019, the European Court of Human Rights gave notice¹ to the Government of Turkey concerning the application in the case of **Altun v. Turkey** (application no. 60065/16) and **545 other applications**.

The applications concern, in particular, the provisional detention of members of the legal service following the attempted coup d'état of 15 July 2016.

On different dates the 546 applicants, all of whom are members of the national legal service, were suspended from their duties by the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (*Hakimler ve Savcılar Kurulu* - HSK) on the grounds of their membership of the organisation "FETÖ/PDY" ("Gülenist Terrorist Organisation"/parallel State structure). Subsequently they were detained in custody and then brought before justices of the peace, who ordered their placement and later their maintenance in provisional detention. The applicants' appeals against those decisions were dismissed. They then lodged individual appeals, which the Turkish Constitutional Court declared inadmissible. Meanwhile, the applicants were charged with belonging to a terrorist organisation. The criminal proceedings against them are still ongoing.

The applicants relied, in particular on Article 5 (right to liberty and security), as well as other articles of the Convention.

A detailed statement of facts setting out the applicants' complaints and the questions put to the parties is available on the Court's website: [link](#).

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¹ Under Rule 54 § 2 (b) of the Rules of Court: "the Chamber or President of the Section may decide to give notice of the application or part of the application to the respondent Contracting Party and invite that Party to submit written observations thereon and, upon receipt thereof, invite the applicant to submit observations in reply."