

The manslaughter case of Vadim Pisari will be examined in an urgent manner by the ECHR

The case of the 18-year old man, Vadim Pisari, killed on 1 January 2013 by a Russian soldier of the peacekeeping mission, will be examined in an urgent manner by the European Court of Human Rights.

Recently, the European Court of Human Rights, communicate to the defendant Governments the case of Vadim Pisari vs. Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation (case nr. 42139/12). The plaintiffs are the parents of Vadim Pisari, who live in Parata, Dubasari rayon.

On 1 January 2013, at approximately 7am, Vadim Pisari, who was driving a car, was passing the territory of a peacekeeping post, installed between the town of Vadul lui Voda, Chisinau, and the village of Parata, Dubasari. The Russian soldier had shot from behind the moving vehicle, and had wounded, deadly, Vadim Pisari, who died in the Emergency Hospital from Chisinau on the same day.

The authorities of the Republic of Moldova have initiated a criminal investigation on this case. Despite this, the Russian soldier was not detained, but instead was transferred by the authorities of the Russian Federation to a military unit in the region of Breansk, Russian Federation, where he is currently residing.

The Prosecutor General of Moldova has recognized the status of a victim of the plaintiffs during its criminal investigation procedures. Later, the same institution has informed the plaintiffs that it issued an international search warrant for

the Russian soldier who killed Vadim Pisari. In December 2013, the Prosecutor General office of Moldova informed the plaintiffs about the refusal of the Russian authorities to cooperate within the investigation and the fact that the Russian soldier was acquitted of any accusation, because in his facts lacked the elements of a criminal offence. The same institution, in March 2013, informed the plaintiffs about the need to suspend the criminal procedures because they lacked access to the suspect who had evaded responsibility. At the moment, the case is suspended because there is a need for procedural actions to be taken by the Russian Federation.

The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs had announced that the Russian authorities would carry out a parallel investigation to shed light on the circumstances of the case, and the results of the investigation would be announced by the end of January 2012. The requests of the plaintiffs addressed to the Russian Federation were ignored repeatedly, and the plaintiffs were refused the access to the procedural documents and were refused to be recognized as victims in the case that was initiated by the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation. At the end of 2012 the plaintiffs were informed about the fact that the criminal case initiated on the fact of death of Vadim Pisari was terminated. At the same time, the plaintiffs were not sent any prescript in this regard. The other attempts of the parents of Vadim Pisari to find out other data or information about the investigation carried out by the Russian authorities, have failed.

In front of the High Court, the plaintiffs have claimed the breach of Article 2 of the Convention (the right to life) as well as the fact that the investigation of the circumstance of the killing of their son, undertaken by both the authorities of the Republic of Moldova and those of the Russian Federation, were not efficient.

The plaintiffs are being represented by the attorneys and lawyers of the Promo-LEX Association.

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