

Border Violence Monitoring Network

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BY POST AND E-MAIL

Application no. 16171/22
A.O. and Others v. Greece (see list appended)

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 30 March 2022 requesting the European Court of Human Rights for interim measures under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court.

Reference for further correspondence

The file has been given the above number which you must refer to in any further correspondence relating to this case.

Decision on interim measure

On 31 March 2022, the Court (the duty judge) decided, in the interests of the parties and the proper conduct of the proceedings before it, to indicate to the Government of Greece, under Rule 39, that the applicants should not be removed until 14 April 2022, included, and to provide the applicants with food, water, clothing, temporary shelter and adequate medical care until 14 April 2022.

The parties' attention is drawn to the fact that failure of a Contracting State to comply with a measure indicated under Rule 39 may entail a breach of Article 34 of the Convention. In this connection, reference is made to paragraphs 128 and 129 of the Grand Chamber judgment of 4 February 2005 in the case of *Mamatkulov and Askarov v. Turkey* (applications nos. 46827/99 and 46951/99) as well as point 5 of the operative part.

Priority

The Court further decided to give priority to the application under Rule 41.

Anonymity and confidentiality

The Court has decided, under Rule 47 § 4, not to disclose the applicants' identities to the public. In all public documents of the Court the applicants will accordingly be referred to by the letters of the alphabet used in the reference at the head of this letter.

In accordance with the above decision, any documents deposited with the Registry in which the said applicants' names appear or which could otherwise easily lead to their identification should not be made accessible to the public (Rule 33 § 1 of the Rules of Court) and shall remain confidential.

Information requested

The Court considered that further information was required.

It has accordingly instructed me, under Rule 54 § 2 (a), to invite you to submit the following information:

1. What are the current whereabouts of the applicants?
2. Have the applicants been attended by the Greek authorities?
3. What is the applicants' exact medical condition? If medical documents are available or any other elements, you are requested to provide them.
4. The applicants are invited to provide more details about the exact circumstances they will face in case of removal to Turkey or to their country of origin.

You are requested to submit this information by **1 April 2022, 17:00 (French time)**.

Furthermore, the Government have been invited to submit the following information within the same time-limit:

1. What are the current whereabouts of the applicants?
2. Have the applicants been attended by the Greek authorities?
3. In the affirmative, have the applicants made an application for asylum in Greece? If not, would it be open for them to do so? Do the applicants have access to any legal assistance?

The information submitted by one party will be sent to the other for information or comments.

Application form

In order to complete the file, you must send to the Court by **28 April 2022** the original of the application form duly completed together with copies of all relevant documents. **Please note that if you send original documents, they will not be returned to you by the Court.** If no such information is received by the above date, the application may be struck out of the list of cases without further notice.

Barcode labels

Please find enclosed a set of barcode labels which you should stick on the top right-hand corner of the **first page** of any correspondence sent to the Registry in relation to the present case.

Yours faithfully,

p.p.



K. Ryngielewicz
Head of the Filtering Section

Enc.: Barcode labels

Please note that the documents appended to this letter will be sent to you by post only.