



Judgments of 25 August 2026

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing five judgments¹:

one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

four Committee judgments, concerning issues which have already been submitted to the Court, can be consulted on [Hudoc](#) and do not appear in this press release.

The judgment below is only available in English.

[Aleksieva and Others v. Bulgaria](#) (application no. 30915/23)

The applicants are 56 Bulgarian nationals who lived in a Roma settlement in Sofia.

The case concerns the demolition of the settlement in August 2023. The applicants were not involved in the process in which the authorities made and enforced the demolition orders. Despite their many attempts to obtain specific information, they only managed to obtain copies of the orders when they were already being carried out. Many of the applicants sought injunctions against the local authorities, and four of them also sought judicial review of the demolition orders. All those proceedings were unsuccessful.

The applicants complain about these events, relying mainly on Articles 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment), 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and 14 (prohibition of discrimination) of the European Convention on Human Rights and of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property) to the European Convention.

Violation of Article 8

Interim measure (Rule 39 of the Rules of Court): still in force until the present judgment becomes final or until further notice

Just satisfaction:

non-pecuniary damage: 10,000 euros (EUR) to each applicant

costs and expenses: EUR 18,033 jointly to the applicants

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¹ Under Articles 43 and 44 of the Convention, Chamber judgments are not final. During the three-month period following a Chamber judgment's delivery, any party may request that the case be referred to the Grand Chamber of the Court. If such a request is made, a panel of five judges considers whether the case deserves further examination. In that event, the Grand Chamber will hear the case and deliver a final judgment. If the referral request is refused, the Chamber judgment will become final on that day. Under Article 28 of the Convention, judgments delivered by a Committee are final.

Once a judgment becomes final, it is transmitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for supervision of its execution. Further information about the execution process can be found here: www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/execution

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