



Chamber hearing in the case of an expulsion order against an Algerian man who has been banned for life from France

The European Court of Human Rights is holding a **Chamber** hearing today **Tuesday 22 January 2019 at 9.00 a.m.** in the case of **A.M. v. France** (application no. 12148/18).

The case concerns the applicant's deportation to Algeria. A.M. is an Algerian national convicted in France of a terrorism offence.

A recording of the hearing will be available from 2.30 p.m. on the Court's Internet site (www.echr.coe.int). After the hearing the Court will begin its deliberations, which will be held in private. Its ruling in the case will, however, be made at a later stage.

The applicant, A.M., is an Algerian national who was born in 1985 and is currently under a form of house arrest. He settled in France in 2008, obtaining a 10-year residence permit.

In 2015 A.M. was sentenced to a six-year prison term for his participation in a criminal conspiracy to commit an act of terrorism and was permanently banned from France.

In February 2018, in anticipation of the applicant's release, an order was issued for his removal to Algeria. In March 2018 an urgent proceedings judge dismissed an application for the immediate suspension of his deportation to Algeria and the French authority for the protection of refugees and stateless persons (OFPRA) rejected an asylum application that he had submitted.

Procedure

On 12 March 2018 A.M. asked the European Court of Human Rights to order the suspension of his deportation under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court. The European Court granted his request for an interim measure and subsequently decided to extend its application, first until 30 April 2018 and then until further notice.

The application was registered with the European Court of Human Rights on 13 March 2018.

On 26 April 2018 [notice](#) of the application¹ was given to the French Government together with a question from the Court.

In addition, the Court also decided, under Rule 41, that the application would be given priority.

Lastly, at the same time the Court decided not to reveal the applicant's identity, in accordance with Rule 47 § 4.

Relying on Article 3 (prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment) of the European Convention, the applicant complains that his deportation to Algeria would expose him to a risk of inhuman or degrading treatment.

1. Conformément à l'article 54 du règlement de la Cour, une chambre de sept juges peut décider de porter à la connaissance du gouvernement d'un État contractant qu'une requête dirigée contre celui-ci a été introduite devant la Cour (la « procédure de communication »). Le règlement de la Cour donne plus d'informations sur cette procédure après la communication d'une requête au gouvernement.

Composition of the Court

The case will be heard by a Chamber, composed as follows:

Angelika **Nußberger** (Germany), *President*,
Yonko **Grozev** (Bulgaria),
André **Potocki** (France),
Síofra **O’Leary** (Ireland),
Mārtiņš **Mits** (Latvia),
Gabriele **Kucsko-Stadlmayer** (Austria),
Lado **Chanturia** (Georgia), *judges*,
Lətif **Hüseynov** (Azerbaijan), *substitute judge*,

and also Claudia **Westerdiek**, *Section Registrar*.

Representatives of the parties

Government

François **Alabrune**, *Agent*,
Florence **Merloz**, *Co-Agent*,
Églantine **Leblond**, Gaëlle **Dumont**, and Emmanuelle **Desmaison**, *Advisers*;

Applicant

Yannis **Lantheaume**, Thomas **Fourrey**, and Claude **Coutaz**, *Counsel*.

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