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# Forthcoming judgments and decisions

The European Court of Human Rights will be notifying in writing five judgments on Tuesday 3 April 2018 and 39 judgments and / or decisions on Thursday 5 April 2018.

Press releases and texts of the judgments and decisions will be available at **10 a.m.** (local time) on the Court's Internet site (<u>www.echr.coe.int</u>)

## Tuesday 3 April 2018

#### Danilczuk v. Cyprus (application no. 21318/12)

The applicant, Robert Tadeusz Danilczuk, is a Polish national who was born in 1965 and is currently detained in Czarne Prison in Poland.

The case concerns his complaint about inadequate conditions of detention at Nicosia Central Prisons.

In January 2011 Mr Danilczuk was convicted of a number of offences in Cyprus, including burglary, theft, road traffic offences and unlawful residence. He was given sentences ranging from six months' to two years' imprisonment to run concurrently.

He spent the entire period of his detention from September 2010, when he was placed in detention on remand, to May 2012, when he was released under a presidential decree, in three different blocks in the prisons.

Relying on Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) of the European Convention on Human Rights, he complains of overcrowding, lack of adequate light, cold cells and poor hygiene. In connection to the latter he complains in particular of difficulties in accessing the toilets (there were no toilets in the cells) and that when the cells were locked, he was forced to urinate in a bottle and defecate in a waste bag.

The Court will give its rulings in writing on the following cases, some of which concern issues which have already been submitted to the Court, including excessive length of proceedings.

These rulings can be consulted from the day of their delivery on the Court's online database HUDOC.

They will not appear in the press release issued on that day.

Arčon and Others v. Montenegro (no. 15495/10) Dudin v. Russia (no. 9673/09) Matveyev v. Russia (no. 44135/08) Trepashkin v. Russia (no. 34473/05)

# Thursday 5 April 2018

### Boyan Gospodinov v. Bulgaria (no. 28417/07)

The applicant, Mr Boyan Dobrinov Gospodinov, is a Bulgarian national who was born in 1983 and lives in Stara Zagora (Bulgaria).



The case concerns two sets of criminal proceedings leading to the conviction of Mr Dobrinov Gospodinov for unlawful possession of cannabis.

Relying on Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair hearing), Mr Dobrinov Gospodinov alleges that his second trial was not conducted by an impartial tribunal.

#### Doktorov v. Bulgaria (no. 15074/08)

The applicant, Tsanko Todorov Doktorov, is a Bulgarian national who was born in 1973 and lives in Varna (Bulgaria).

The case concerns his complaint that it was impossible for him to contest the paternity of a child born during his marriage to the mother.

After divorcing from his wife in 2006, Mr Doktorov discovered that one of their two children, born in 2003, had been conceived with another man. A DNA test revealed in January 2007 that he was not the biological father of that child and, the following month, he brought a civil claim to contest paternity. However, his claim was dismissed as time-barred. This finding was then confirmed by two higher instances.

Relying on Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and Article 13 (right to an effective remedy), Mr Doktorov complains in particular that he was unable to challenge in court his paternity of one of his children, because of a one-year time-limit counted from learning about the child's birth. However, he had learned that he was not the child's father after this time-limit.

### Nix v. Germany (no. 35285/16)

The applicant, Hans Burkhard Nix, is a German national who was born in 1954 and lives in Munich (Germany).

The case concerns Mr Nix's criminal conviction for posting a picture on his blog in 2014 of the former SS chief Heinrich Himmler in SS uniform wearing a swastika armband.

In January 2015 the Munich District Court convicted Mr Nix of, among other things, using symbols of unconstitutional organisations. The court concluded that Mr Nix had not clearly distanced himself from Nazi ideology in his blog post, and had used the picture as an eye-catching device. His appeals against this decision were all subsequently rejected, although the five-month suspended sentence he had been given was slightly reduced. In December 2015 the Federal Constitutional Court refused to admit his constitutional complaint for examination.

Relying on Article 10 (freedom of expression), Mr Nix complains about his criminal conviction, arguing in particular that the domestic courts failed to take into account that his blog post was intended as a protest against school and employment offices' discrimination against children with a migrant background.

## Christian Baptist Church in Wrocław v. Poland (no. 32045/10)

The applicant church, the Christian Baptist Church - II Local Community in Wrocław, is a legal entity with its seat in Wrocław (Poland).

The case concerns the church's legal efforts to have property restored to it.

In May 1996 the church applied to the governor of Wrocław for a decision confirming its ownership of a four-storey building which had belonged to the church earlier, but which had been transferred to the State in the communist era. The governor refused to issue such a decision, saying the church had not fulfilled a requirement of the 1995 Act which regulated relations between the State and the Baptist Church. The church launched further administrative and court proceedings. In June 2007 the Governor of Lower Silesia refused to return the property in question to the church and in October 2009 the Supreme Administrative Court dismissed the church's complaint against that decision.

The church complains under Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property) about the decision not to return the property to it. It made two complaints under Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair hearing within a reasonable time), one of the alleged unfairness of the proceedings and the other of the excessive length of the proceedings.

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Adamyan v. Armenia (no. 66336/12)

Aganikyan v. Armenia (no. 21791/12)

Badalyan v. Armenia (no. 22329/13)

Goyens and Robben v. Belgium (no. 47739/08)

Willems and Gorjon v. Belgium (nos. 74209/16 and 75662/16)

Georgiev v. Bulgaria (no. 14638/11)

Nikolov v. Bulgaria (no. 3686/17)

Yordanov v. Bulgaria (no. 18648/09)

**Tilocca v. Croatia** (no. 40559/12)

Bouli v. Greece (no. 18921/16)

Hamet Amin v. Greece (no. 26470/13)

Mitrousias and Karagiannidis v. Greece (nos. 25068/17 and 25074/17)

Psomadelis and Others v. Greece (nos. 35136/17, 35189/17, 35212/17, 35218/17, and 35762/17)

Tsigouris v. Greece (no. 34877/16)

Voulgarinas and Aiginitou v. Greece (no. 30184/17)

Munteanu v. the Republic of Moldova (no. 63067/12)

Šikmanović v. Montenegro (no. 57715/13)

Carolinex sp. z o. o. v. Poland (no. 19083/08)

Dobrowolski and Others v. Poland (nos. 45651/11, 68650/11, 49/12, 60722/12, 66342/12,

81145/12, 29795/13, 61693/13, 23299/14, 31865/14, and 56847/14)

Gaczyński v. Poland (no. 3194/09)

Pamin v. Poland (no. 9781/14)

Różecki v. Poland (no. 14189/15)

Szal v. Poland (no. 34207/12)

Szal v. Poland (no. 20580/13)

Beregovaya v. Russia (no. 13540/16)

Chernysheva v. Russia (no. 47387/15)

Kiriyak v. Russia (no. 66607/16)

Alışır v. Turkey (no. 6784/13)

Balo v. Turkey (no. 2379/10)

Batır v. Turkey (no. 25565/13)

**Bozkurt v. Turkey** (no. 52997/11)

Ciddi v. Turkey (no. 7280/13)

Kopuz v. Turkey (no. 78254/12)

Kurtuluş and Others v. Turkey (no. 61361/11)

A.L. v. the United Kingdom (no. 32207/16)

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