EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

# Forthcoming judgments and decisions

The European Court of Human Rights will be notifying in writing three judgments on Tuesday 22 July 2025 and one judgment on Thursday 24 July 2025.

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 22 July 2025

### Demirhan and Others v. Türkiye (application no. 1595/20 and 238 other applications)

The applicants are 239 Turkish nationals.

The case concerns the applicants' convictions for membership of an armed terrorist organisation described by the Turkish authorities as the "Fetullahist Terror Organisation / Parallel State Structure" (*Fetullahçı Terör Örgütü / Paralel Devlet Yapılanması*, referred to as "the FETÖ/PDY"). The authorities consider FETÖ/PDY to be behind the coup attempt that took place in Türkiye on 15 July 2016.

The 239 applications making up this case are part of the thousands of applications on the Court's docket that concern issues similar to those judged in the Court's Grand Chamber case <u>Yüksel</u> <u>Yalçınkaya v. Türkiye</u> (application no. 15669/20).

Relying in particular on Article 7 (no punishment without law) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the applicants complain that their convictions were based on their alleged use of the encrypted messaging application called "ByLock", which the Turkish courts held had been designed for the exclusive use of FETÖ/PDY members under the guise of a global application. That meant that anyone who had used Bylock could, in principle, be convicted on that basis alone of membership of an armed terrorist organisation, which, according to the applicants, constitutes an extensive and arbitrary interpretation of the relevant laws. Also relying on Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial) of the European Convention, they complain of shortcomings in the criminal proceedings against them with regard to the decisive evidence in question and their inability to effectively challenge it.

### Bradshaw and Others v. the United Kingdom (no. 15653/22)

The applicants, Ben Bradshaw, Caroline Lucas and Alyn Smith, are three British nationals who were born in 1960, 1960 and 1973, respectively, and who live in London. They were elected as Members of Parliament in the general election held on 12 December 2019.

The case concerns the Government's response to a report of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament into alleged interference by Russia in the United Kingdom's democratic processes.

Relying on Article 3 of Protocol No. 1 (right to free elections) to the European Convention, the applicants allege that the UK failed to fulfil its duty ("positive obligation") to investigate hostile State interference in its democratic elections, and that it did not put in place an effective legal and institutional framework in order to protect against the risk of such interference.



## Thursday 24 July 2025

### Coulibaly v. Belgium (no. 42975/19)

The applicant, Cheick Oumar Coulibaly, is a national of Côte d'Ivoire who was born in 1979 and lives in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire).

Having arrived in Belgium in 2007, the applicant applied unsuccessfully for asylum on several occasions. Between 2007 and 2019 he was issued with several expulsion orders but refused to comply. The authorities placed him in administrative detention on 13 March 2019 pending his repatriation.

After several unsuccessful attempts, caused by the applicant's refusal to board the plane, Mr Coulibaly was returned to Côte d'Ivoire on 26 May 2019.

In the meantime, his appeal, contesting the validity of his administrative detention, had been dismissed in April 2019 by the chambre de conseil, which held that his administrative detention had been legally justified and ordered his continued detention. That decision was upheld by the Indictments Division in May 2019.

On 5 June 2019 the Court of Cassation dismissed an appeal lodged by the applicant on points of law, finding that it had become "devoid of purpose".

The case concerns the applicant's allegation that he did not obtain a final judicial decision on the lawfulness of his administrative detention prior to his repatriation. In this connection, he relies on Article 5 (right to liberty and security) of the Convention.

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 <u>HUDOC</u>.

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

### Tuesday 22 July 2025

Name	Main application number
Bank Saderat Iran v. Greece	31687/15

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