

## Case referred to the Grand Chamber

At its last meeting on 23 September 2024, a panel of five judges decided to refer the case of **Tsaava and Others v. Georgia** (applications nos. 13186/20, 16757/20, 20129/21, 20175/21, 39382/21) and to reject requests to refer 12 other cases<sup>1</sup>.

A legal summary of this case will be available in the Court's database HUDOC ([link](#)).

### Referral accepted

**Tsaava and Others v. Georgia** (applications nos. 13186/20, 16757/20, 20129/21, 20175/21 and 39382/21)

The applicants are 26 Georgian nationals.

The case concerns the dispersal of a protest on 20-21 June 2019 from the front of the Parliament building in Tbilisi. The protest was sparked by a prominent member of the Russian Duma's sitting in the Speaker's chair in the Georgian Parliament and delivering a speech in Russian as part of a session of the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy. The applicants were either participants in the demonstration, or journalists reporting on the protests. They allege, in particular, excessive use of force by the authorities resulting in their injury. They rely on Articles 3 (prohibition on inhuman and degrading treatment), 10 (freedom of expression), 11 (freedom of assembly) and 13 (right to an effective remedy) of the Convention.

The applications were lodged between 29 February 2020 and 4 August 2021.

In its [judgment](#) of 7 May 2024, the Court found, unanimously, a violation of the procedural aspect of Article 3 in respect of the 24 of the applicants; refrained, by 6 votes to 1, from taking a decision regarding the merits of the substantive aspect of Article 3, and, by 6 votes to 1, from taking a decision regarding the admissibility and merits of the complaints under Article 10 and Article 11; held, unanimously, that Georgia had complied with the obligations under Article 38 (obligation to furnish all necessary facilities during an examination of the case); and held, unanimously, that there was no need to examine the complaint under Article 13.

On 23 September 2024 the case was referred to the Grand Chamber at the request of the applicants.

### Requests for referral rejected

**Mandev and Others v. Bulgaria** (application nos. 57002/11, 61872/11, 46024/12, 6430/13 and 67333/13), [judgment](#) of 21 May 2024

**Nina Dimitrova v. Bulgaria** (application no. 40669/16), [judgment](#) of 16 April 2024

**Nikolay Kostadinov v. Bulgaria** (no. 21743/15), [judgment](#) of 2 April 2024 (just satisfaction)

**Verhoeven c. France** (no. 19664/20), [judgment](#) of 28 March 2024

**Lazăr v. Romania** (no. 20183/21), [judgment](#) of 9 April 2024

<sup>1</sup> Under Article 43 of the European Convention on Human Rights, within three months from the date of a Chamber judgment, any party to the case may, in exceptional cases, request that the case be referred to the 17-judges Grand Chamber of the Court. In that event, a panel of five judges considers whether the case raises a serious question affecting the interpretation or application of the Convention or its protocols, or a serious issue of general importance, in which case the Grand Chamber will deliver a final judgment. If no such question or issue arises, the panel will reject the request, at which point the judgment becomes final. Otherwise Chamber judgments become final on the expiry of the three-month period or earlier if the parties declare that they do not intend to make a request to refer.

**Aydın Sefa Akay v. Türkiye** (application no. 59/17), [judgment](#) of 23 April 2024

**Kanatli v. Türkiye** (no. 18382/15), [judgment](#) of 12 March 2024

**Kartal v. Türkiye** (no. 54699/14), [judgment](#) of 26 March 2024

**Kural v. Türkiye** (no. 84388/17), [judgment](#) of 19 March 2024

**Orhan Şahin v. Türkiye** (no. 48309/17), [judgment](#) of 12 March 2024

**Parıldak v. Türkiye** (no. 66375/17), [judgment](#) of 19 March 2024

**Sözen v. Türkiye** (no. 73532/16), [judgment](#) of 9 April 2024

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