



Judgments and decisions of 9 July 2026

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing 17 judgments¹ and 26 decisions²: one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

16 Committee judgments, concerning issues which have already been examined by the Court, and the 26 decisions, can be consulted on [Hudoc](#) and do not appear in this press release.

The judgment summarised below is available only in English.

[Barsuk and Gyl v. Ukraine](#) (application no. 31582/20)

The applicants are two Ukrainian nationals, Tamara Arkhypivna Barsuk and Vira Ivanivna Gyl, who were born in 1949 and 1954 respectively and live in Chuguyiv (Kharkiv Region, Ukraine). They are Jehovah's Witnesses.

The case concerns an assault on them in the neighbourhood where they were conducting door-to-door preaching and distributing Jehovah's Witnesses' religious literature.

Relying on Articles 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) and 13 (right to an effective remedy) of the European Convention on Human Rights taken alone and in conjunction with Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination), the applicants allege that the authorities failed to carry out an effective investigation into the assault, in particular by failing to uncover the alleged motive of religious prejudice behind it.

Violation of Article 3 taken in conjunction with Article 14

Violation of Article 9 taken in conjunction with Article 14

Just satisfaction:

non-pecuniary damage: 4,000 euros (EUR) to each applicant

costs and expenses: EUR 4,000 to the applicants jointly

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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

² Inadmissibility and strike-out decisions are final.

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