



Judgments and decisions of 15 January 2026

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing four judgments¹ and 12 decisions²: one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

separate press releases have been issued for two other Chamber judgments in the cases of *Magherini and Others v. Italy* (application no. 32707/19) and *Biliński v. Poland* (no. 13278/20);

one Committee judgment, concerning issues which have already been examined by the Court, and the 12 decisions, can be consulted on [Hudoc](#) and do not appear in this press release.

The judgment below only exists in French.

[R.M. v. France](#) (application no. 34994/22)

The applicant, R.M., is a French national who was born in 1983 and lives in Dalhunden (France).

The case concerns the material conditions of the applicant's detention in Strasbourg Prison (*maison d'arrêt*) from 29 April 2016 to 8 April 2017 and the alleged opening of his correspondence between him and the Inspector-General of Custodial Premises.

The applicant relies on Articles 3 (prohibition of inhuman and degrading treatment) and 8 (respect for private life and correspondence) of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Violation of Article 3 concerning the detention period from 29 April to 25 July 2016

No violation of Article 3 concerning the detention period from 26 July 2016 to 8 April 2017

Violation of Article 8 concerning the detention period from 26 July 2016 to 8 April 2017

Just satisfaction:

non-pecuniary damage: 7,400 euros (EUR)

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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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