



Judgments and decisions of 15 March 2022

The European Court of Human Rights has today given notification in writing of 13 judgments¹ and one decision²:

one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

Four separate press releases have been issued for five other rulings in the cases of *Bjarki H. Diego v. Iceland* (application no. 30965/17), *Lidiya Nikitina v. Russia* (no. 8051/20) and *Olkhovik v. Russia* (nos. 11279/17, 76983/17, and 4597/20), *OOO Memo v. Russia* (no. 2840/10) and *Communauté genevoise d'action syndicale (CGAS) v. Switzerland* (no. 21881/20);

eight Committee judgments, concerning issues which have already been examined by the Court, can be consulted on Hudoc and do not appear in this press release.

The judgment summarised below is available only in French.

Gonçalves Monteiro v. Portugal (application no. 65666/16)

The applicant, Luís Armando Gonçalves Monteiro, is a Portuguese national who was born in 1953 and lives in Valadares (Portugal).

The case concerns the disappearance of Mr Gonçalves Monteiro's daughter and the alleged absence of an effective investigation to locate the missing person and establish the facts.

Relying on Article 2 (right to life), Article 5 (right to liberty) and Article 13 (right to an effective remedy) of the European Convention on Human Rights, Mr Gonçalves Monteiro complains that the authorities failed to order an urgent and effective search for his daughter, which meant that they failed duly to protect her right to life, physical integrity and liberty. Under those provisions, he also complains that the investigation initiated in order to determine the circumstances of the disappearance was ineffective.

No violation of Article 2 (right to life)

Violation of Article 2 (investigation)

Just satisfaction:

non-pecuniary damage: 26,000 euros (EUR)

costs and expenses: EUR 17,000

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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 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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