



## Judgments and decisions of 18 January 2024

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing 52 judgments<sup>1</sup> and 113 decisions<sup>2</sup>: two Chamber judgments are summarised below;

a separate press release has been issued for a Chamber judgment in the case of *Allée v. France* (application no. 20725/20);

49 Committee judgments, concerning issues which have already been submitted to the Court, and the 113 decisions, can be consulted on [Hudoc](#) and do not appear in this press release.

*The judgments below are available only in English.*

### [Ismayilzade v. Azerbaijan](#) (application no. 17780/18)

The applicant, Leyla Miryagub gizi Ismayilzade, is an Azerbaijani national who was born in 1990 and lives in Baku.

The case concerns the refusal of the authorities to register the forename chosen by the applicant for her newborn child. She tried to register her son *Əbülfəzlabbas* (a Shia name) or variations on that name several times, but that was not allowed owing to the name not being on the approved list of the Azerbaijani National Sciences Academy, with the national courts also ruling that it would not be in the child's best interests owing to pronunciation issues.

Relying on Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the applicant complains of the refusal to register her chosen name for her son.

#### **No violation of Article 8**

### [Dabo v. Sweden](#) (no. 12510/18)

The applicant, Abdelnaser Dabo, is a Syrian national who was born in 1961 and lives in Timmersdala (Sweden).

The case concerns legislation introduced in 2016 in Sweden requiring refugees granted asylum to prove they have sufficient income and accommodation in family-reunification requests if the application were lodged more than three months after the sponsor had been granted asylum. The applicant was granted asylum in March 2016, but his first wife and five children's applications for family reunification were refused because he could not fulfil this "maintenance" requirement.

Relying on Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) of the European Convention, the applicant complains that the Swedish authorities had applied the rules too rigidly when refusing to grant his first wife and five children residence permits, alleging that it would be impossible for most people to fulfil the maintenance requirement.

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/execution).

<sup>2</sup> Inadmissibility and strike-out decisions are final.

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