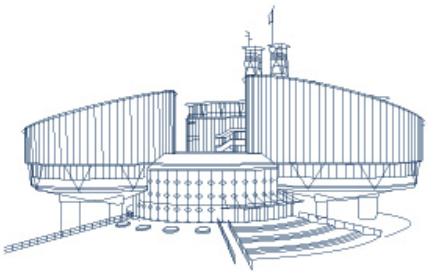
EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

PRESS RELEASE

JUDGMENTS OF 10 NOVEMBER 2026

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Press release issued by the Registrar of the Court



The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing five judgments:

- one Chamber judgment is summarised below;
- one separate press release has been issued for the Chamber judgment in the case of *Beleri v. Albania* (application no. 28070/23);
- three 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 only exists in English.

Trifunovski and Jakshovski v. North Macedonia (applications nos. 5074/20 and 39826/20)

The applicants, Miroslav Trifunovski and Goce Jakshovski, are Macedonian nationals who were born in 1946 and 1959 respectively and live in Tetovo and Ohrid (North Macedonia). Mr Trifunovski has passed away so his son is continuing the application on his behalf.

The applicants, former judges, were dismissed in 2009 after professional misconduct proceedings. Following the European Court's judgment finding a violation of Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the domestic proceedings were reopened. The case concerns the alleged lack of independence and impartiality of second-instance panels of Supreme Court judges (Appeal Panels) that reviewed decisions of the Judicial Council of the Republic of North Macedonia in the reopened proceedings against the applicants.

Relying on Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial) of the European Convention, the applicants complain that the Supreme Court judges sitting on the Appeal Panels were not independent or impartial because of the Judicial Council's considerable powers and influence over their careers.

No violation of Article 6 § 1

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