



Judgments of 16 June 2026

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing six judgments¹:

one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

two separate press releases have been issued for the Chamber judgments in the cases of *Ottlakán v. Hungary* (application no. 17201/23) and *Iskrenović v. Serbia* (no. 39427/23);

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

The judgment summarised below is available only in French.

[Tuncer Çetinkaya v. Türkiye](#) (application no. 79795/17)*

The applicant, Tuncer Çetinkaya, is a Turkish national who was born in 1972.

The case concerns the placement in pre-trial detention of the applicant, a journalist who was suspected of belonging to a terrorist organisation and attempting to overthrow the constitutional order in the context of the failed coup attempt of 15 July 2016.

Relying on Article 5 § 1 (right to liberty and security) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the applicant complains that there were no reasonable grounds to suspect him of committing a criminal offence necessitating his placement in pre-trial detention on 26 July 2016. He also complains about the length of his pre-trial detention and submits that the judicial decisions ordering his initial and continued pre-trial detention were not sufficiently reasoned. Lastly, relying on Article 10 (freedom of expression) of the European Convention, the applicant alleges that his placement in pre-trial detention amounted to an interference with his right to freedom of expression. He considers that the fact that he is a journalist cannot be regarded as evidence capable of substantiating the charges of belonging to a terrorist organisation.

Violation of Article 5 § 1

Violation of Article 5 § 3

Violation of Article 10

Just satisfaction:

non-pecuniary damage: 16,250 euros (EUR)

costs and expenses: EUR 4,406

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