



Judgments of 19 May 2025

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

two Chamber judgments are summarised below;

a separate press release has been issued for another Chamber judgment in the case of *Miladze v. Georgia* (application no. 41585/23);

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

The judgments summarised below are available only in English.

[K.A. v. Austria](#) (applications nos. 44001/22 and 22881/24)

The applicant, Mr K.A., is a national of Kosovo² who was born in 1971. He is currently confined in a “forensic-therapeutic centre” (formerly known as an institution for mentally ill offenders) in Garsten (Austria).

The case concerns the applicant’s complaint about his confinement following his conviction in 2021 for domestic violence. He was convicted in particular of regularly beating and threatening his wife and four children, locking them up and inflicting bodily harm on them. The courts sentenced him to eight years’ imprisonment and ordered his confinement in an institution for mentally ill offenders under Article 21 § 2 of the Criminal Code.

He mainly complains before the European Court that it had not been reliably shown – in either the criminal proceedings against him or the subsequent proceedings reviewing the need for his continued confinement – that he is a person of unsound mind. He also alleges that during the proceedings, the psychiatric expert had examined him without the assistance of an interpreter, despite his limited command of German. Lastly, he complains that he was not able to challenge and question witnesses for the prosecution during the criminal proceedings. He relies on Article 5 §§ 1 and 4 (right to liberty and security) and Article 6 §§ 1 and 3 (d) and (e) (right to a fair trial) of the European Convention on Human Rights.

No violation of Article 5 §§ 1 and 4

[Stanković v. Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) (no. 11103/23)

The applicant, Dragana Stanković, is a citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina who was born in 1986 and lives in Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

¹ Under Articles 43 and 44 of the Convention, Chamber judgments are not final. During the three-month period following a Chamber 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 All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, shall be understood in full compliance with United Nation’s Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

