



Judgments of 23 July 2026

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing three Chamber judgments¹, which are summarised below.

The judgment in French below is indicated by an asterisk ().*

[A.G. v. Switzerland](#) (application no. 15345/20)*

The applicant, A.G., is a Spanish national who was born in 1994. She was suspected by the authorities of having committed a drugs-related offence and had been placed in pre-trial detention.

Relying on Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the applicant complains about the competent authorities' refusal to allow her partner – and presumed father of her unborn child – to visit her in prison during her pregnancy and to be present at the birth.

Violation of Article 8

Just satisfaction:

non-pecuniary damage: 1,730 euros (EUR)

costs and expenses: EUR 4,000

[Derevyanko and Tarasova v. Ukraine](#) (nos. 39465/23 and 43066/23)

[Kolesnyk and Smelnytskyi v. Ukraine](#) (nos. 24465/23 and 25217/23)

Both cases concern the applicants' complaints about their pre-trial detention for offences against national security, under legislation introduced in the context of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

The applicants in the first case, Anatoliy Ivanovych Derevyanko and Yuliya Mykolayivna Tarasova, are two Ukrainian nationals who were born in 1967 and 1978, respectively. They live in Verbivka (Kharkiv Region, Ukraine) and Kyiv. They were arrested in 2023 on suspicion of "assisting the aggressor State" through their economic activities, Mr Derevyanko in his capacity as a factory manager and Ms Tarasova as the sales representative for a medicines manufacturer.

The applicants in the second case, Pavlo Yevgenovych Kolesnyk and Sergiy Mytrofanovych Smelnytskyi, are two Ukrainian nationals, who were born in 1971 and 1975, respectively. They live in Kharkiv. They were arrested in July 2022 on suspicion of having filmed Ukrainian military fortifications and equipment in Kharkiv and sharing the videos on Telegram channels used by the Russian intelligence services.

Relying in particular on Article 5 § 3 (right to liberty and security) of the European Convention, all four applicants complain that their pre-trial detention was unreasonably long and unjustified. Ms Tarasova

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

also complains that there was no reasonable suspicion against her to justify taking her into detention, in breach of Article 5 § 1.

In the case of *Derevyanko and Tarasova*:

Violation of Article 5 § 3 in respect of both applicants

No violation of Article 5 § 1 in respect of the second applicant

Just satisfaction:

non-pecuniary damage: EUR 1,000 to the first applicant and EUR 600 to the second applicant

In the case of *Kolesnyk and Smelnytskyy*:

No violation of Article 5 § 3

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