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Judgments of 24 March 2026

The European Court of Human Rights has today notified in writing three judgments[1]:

one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

two 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 below is only available in English.

Mammadova and Mammadov v. Azerbaijan (application no. 31618/18)

The applicants, Yelena Gennadyevna Mammadova and Zaur Elchin oglu Mammadov, are Azerbaijani nationals who were born in 1966 and 1995 respectively and live in Baku. They are mother and son.

The applicants co-owned an apartment situated in the Sabail district of Baku. The case concerns the unlawful demolition of their apartment, which was allegedly in a state of urgent disrepair, in order to make room for a multi-storey residential building.

Relying on Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property) to the European Convention on Human Rights, and on Articles 6 (right to a fair trial), 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and 13 (right to an effective remedy) of the Convention, the applicants complain that the national courts' judgments in their case had not been duly reasoned, that their right to respect for their home had been violated and that they had not been given a legal avenue providing effective protection against the violation of their rights.

Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1

Just satisfaction:
to the applicants jointly
pecuniary damage: 126,000 euros (EUR)
non-pecuniary damage: EUR 3,000
costs and expenses: EUR 2,800

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[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

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