

ECHR 332 (2022) 25.10.2022

Judgments of 25 October 2022

The European Court of Human Rights has today given notification in writing of one judgment¹ which is summarised below;

The judgment summarised below is available only in English.

Xenofontos v. Cyprus (applications nos. 68725/16, 74339/16, and 74359/16)

The applicants, Grigoris Xenofontos, Anastasis Krasopoulis and his sister, Elli Krasopouli Skordelli, are three Cypriot nationals who were born in 1981, 1973 and 1968 respectively. They are currently serving life sentences in the Central Prison of Nicosia.

The case concerns the shooting dead of an executive of a private television channel and evidence against the applicants being provided by an accomplice who had been spared prosecution.

Relying on Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the applicants complain that their trial was unfair, as the only evidence against them had come from that accomplice.

No violation of Article 6 § 1 on account of the use of accomplice testimony
No violation of Article 6 § 1 on account of the length of proceedings

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