



Notification to the French Government of case brought by Nicolas Sarkozy

The European Court of Human Rights has given notice¹ to the Government of France of the application **Sarkozy v. France** (application no. 9143/25). This application is related to two other applications which have also been communicated to the Government: *Herzog v. France* (application no. 11047/25) and *Ordre des avocats au barreau de Paris v. France* (application no. 2416/25).

The case concerns the use of transcripts from conversations between the applicant and his lawyer, recorded while their telephones were being tapped in the so-called “*affaire des écoutes*” (“telephone-tapping case”).

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On 29 June 2026 the Government of France were given notice of the application, with questions from the Court.

The statement of facts, which is available only in French, will be published at a later date on the Court’s internet site.

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¹ Under Rule 54 § 2 (b) of the Rules of Court: “the Chamber or the President of the Section may decide to give notice of the application or part of the application to the respondent Contracting Party and invite that Party to submit written observations thereon and, upon receipt thereof, invite the applicant to submit observations in reply.”

The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.