



Forthcoming Grand Chamber judgment in the case of Georgia v. Russia (I)

The European Court of Human Rights will be delivering a Grand Chamber judgment in the case of **Georgia v. Russia (I)** (application no. 13255/07) at a **public hearing on 3 July 2014 at 11 a.m.** in the Human Rights Building, Strasbourg.

The case essentially concerns the alleged existence of an administrative practice involving the arrest, detention and collective expulsion of Georgian nationals from the Russian Federation in the autumn of 2006.

Principal facts and complaints

On 26 March 2007 the Georgian authorities lodged with the European Court of Human Rights an application against Russia under Article 33 (Inter-State cases) of the European Convention on Human Rights.

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It raises issues under Articles 3 (prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment), 5 (right to liberty and security), 8 (right to respect for private and family life), 13 (right to an effective remedy) and 18 (limitation on use of restrictions on rights) of the Convention and under Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property and right to education), Article 4 of Protocol No. 4 (prohibition of collective expulsion of aliens) as well as under Article 1 of Protocol No. 7 (procedural safeguards relating to expulsion of aliens).

Procedure

Following a hearing on 16 April 2009, the application was declared admissible by a Chamber on 30 June 2009, without prejudging the merits of the case, and relinquished¹ to the Grand Chamber on 15 December 2009. From 31 January to 4 February 2011, a witness hearing was held in Strasbourg. A Grand Chamber hearing took place in public in the Human Rights Building, Strasbourg, on 13 June 2012.

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