



The Court does not oppose the expulsion to Algeria of the Salafist imam D.

The applicant, M. D., is a Salafist imam who is subject to a decision ordering his deportation from France to Algeria.

On Tuesday 17 April 2018 his lawyer applied to the Court for an interim measure (Rule 39 of the Rules of Court¹) ordering a stay of execution of the expulsion, which was scheduled for 3 p.m. on the same date.

Given the lack of sufficient substantiation in the request, the Court decided to apply, on a temporary basis, Rule 39 of the Rules of Court and to invite the French Government to refrain from deporting the applicant to Algeria on account of the alleged risk of ill-treatment in breach of Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights. In order to obtain the additional material necessary to reach an informed decision, it asked the applicant and the Government to submit their observations within 72 hours, setting a deadline of 12 noon on Friday 20 April.

On Thursday 19 April, in the light of the information provided by the parties, the Court decided to lift the interim measure and not to oppose the expulsion to Algeria of the Salafist imam D.

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1 See the factsheet https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/FS_Interim_measures_ENG.pdf.