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EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

OVERVIEW FROM 16/06 TO 30/06/2017

RU / BAYEV AND OTHERS v. RUSSIA

Freedom of expression – Ban on public statements promoting sexual minorities – No legitimate public interest

Violation of Article 10 (Freedom of expression) of the Convention.

Violation of Article 14 (Prohibition of discrimination) of the Convention.

The applicants, three Russian gay rights activists, complained about the ban on public statements concerning the identity, rights and social status of sexual minorities. They were fined following their protests against a series of laws making "promoting non-traditional sexual relationships" among minors an offence punishable by a fine.

Judgement of 20.06.2017 (applications nos. 67667/09, 44092/12 and 56717/12) ([EN](#))
Press release ([FR](#) / [EN](#))

FR / AYCAGUER v. FRANCE

Personal data protection – Biological testing of persons convicted of offences – Storing the data for forty years

Violation of Article 8 (Right to respect for private life) of the Convention.

The applicant, who was convicted after scuffles broke out between demonstrators and the gendarmerie, alleged that his subsequent conviction for refusing to undergo biological testing for inclusion in the national computerised DNA database amounted to a disproportionate infringement of his right to respect for private life, particularly in view of current regulations on the length of storing DNA profiles, irrespective of the seriousness of the offences in question.

Judgement of 22.06.2017 (application no. 8806/12) ([FR](#))
Press release ([FR](#) / [EN](#))

FI / SATAKUNNAN MARKKINAPORSSI OY AND SATAMEDIA OY v. FINLAND [GC]

Freedom of expression – Limitations – Mass publication of personal tax data

No violation of Article 10 (Freedom of expression) of the Convention.

Violation of Article 6 § 1 (Right to a fair hearing within a reasonable time) of the Convention.

The applicant companies, both Finnish newspaper publishers, complained about the ban on them processing and publishing taxation data, affecting almost a third of all taxable persons in Finland. They also complained about the allegedly excessive length of the proceedings.

Judgement of 27.06.2017 (application no. 931/13) ([FR](#) / [EN](#))
Press release ([FR](#) / [EN](#))
See judgement [C-73/07](#)

USEFUL INFORMATION

ECHR Superior Courts Network: first meeting

The European Court of Human Rights hosted the first Focal Points Forum for its Superior Court Network ("SCN") on 16 June.

Enabling national superior courts to have a point of contact within the Strasbourg Court through which Convention case-law information can be provided to them under the supervision of the Jurisconsult, the Court, for its part, receives contributions by the superior courts to its comparative research work.

The SCN currently brings together representatives of 54 courts from 32 States as well as their Registry counterparts.

Press release ([FR](#) / [EN](#))