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Slovak Republic

MAIN ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS - ONGOING SUPERVISION

Actions of police, security forces and prison authorities, criminal investigations

Excessive use of force in a police operation carried out on a street that is home to a Roma community, ineffective investigation into the allegations of excessive use of force, and lack of inquiry into the alleged discrimination in the planning of the operation. Authorities' failure to protect the physical well-being in police custody of an unaccompanied minor of Romani origin.	*R.R. and R.D.* (20649/18) Judgment final on 01/12/2020 *P.H.* (37574/19) Judgment final on 08/12/2022 Enhanced supervision Status of execution
➢ Secret surveillance by the Intelligence Service Lack of adequate legal safeguards against abuse in secret surveillance carried out by the Slovak Intelligence Service, due to the practically unfettered power exercised by this service. Lack of legal protection for persons randomly affected by covert surveillance measures and lack of adequate and effective safeguards against abuse in respect of a person randomly affected by the implementation of a secret surveillance warrant in the context of criminal proceedings.	*Zoltán* Varga (58361/12) Judgment final on 22/11/2021 *Plechlo* (18593/19) Judgment final on 26/01/2024 Enhanced supervision Status of execution
➢ High security regime in prison Placement in high security unit in prison with only limited safeguards against abuse; broad discretion of the prison authorities under the applicable rules in deciding to impose and prolong the high security regime.	*Maslák (No. 2)* (38321/17) Judgment final on 30/06/2022 Enhanced supervision Status of execution
➢ Ineffective investigation of human trafficking Ineffective investigation carried out in response to a credible allegation that the applicant had been trafficked to the United Kingdom. The authorities limited their efforts to establish the facts relevant to pimping. Failure to pursue an obvious line of inquiry was aggravated by the length of proceedings. Relevant background exists of persistent international criticism of domestic courts' lenient sentencing in human trafficking.	*B.B.* (48587/21) Judgment final on 24/01/2025 Enhanced supervision Status of execution

Length of judicial proceedings

Excessive length of civil proceedings, and lack of effective remedies in this respect.	*Maxian and Maxianova* group (44482/09) Judgment final on 24/07/2012 Standard supervision Status of execution

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Civil claims joined to criminal proceedings not protected by the right to trial within a reasonable time until charges have been brought against a specific person (even if the lodging of such claims prevents the lodging of separate civil proceedings). Length of criminal proceedings.	*Javor and Javorová* (42360/20) Judgment final on 01/02/2016 Standard supervision Status of execution
Excessive length of proceedings on the land restitution claims and ineffective remedies in this respect.	*Balogh and Others* (35142/15) Judgment final on 04/02/2019 Standard supervision Status of execution
Fairness of criminal proceedings	
Convictions based to a decisive degree on accomplices' statements without appropriate safeguards. Lack of legal framework and judicial oversight for arrangements between collaborating perpetrators and the prosecuting authorities when the former obtained benefits in return for incriminating statements against another person.	*Adamco* (45084/14) Judgment final on 12/02/2020 *Erik Adamco* (19990/20) Judgment final on 01/09/2023 Standard supervision Status of execution
Domestic courts' refusal, without sufficient reasons, of the applicants' requests to examine witnesses; trial based essentially on evidence adduced by the prosecution without examination of any of the evidence adduced by the applicants.	*Vasarab and Paulus* (28081/19) Judgment final on 15/03/2023 Standard supervision Status of execution
Right to private life	
Lack of reasoning in the court's warrant authorising telephone-tapping during criminal proceeding, not in accordance with the law, and lack of domestic remedies in this respect.	*Potoczka and Adamco* (7286/16) Judgment final on 12/04/2023 Standard supervision Status of execution
Discrimination	
➢ Racial segregation in special education Discriminatory treatment of a Roma pupil on account of placement in special class for children with mild intellectual disabilities. A number of failings with regards to enrolment of Roma pupils – including the danger that diagnostic tests, used to determine intellectual capacity, were culturally biased, and consequently there has been an overrepresentation of Roma pupils in special classes. The enrolment was in practice permanent, and not subject to systematic re-testing. The applicant received an education which did not offer the necessary guarantees stemming from the positive obligations of the State to undo a history of racial segregation in special education.	*Salay* (29359/22) Judgment final on 27/05/2025 Enhanced supervision Status of execution