

# SESSION REPORT (81<sup>st</sup> session, March 2015)

During its session in March 2015, the <u>Human Rights Advisory Panel</u> (the Panel) adopted four opinions concerning four complaints. There remain 73 complaints pending before the Panel. Complete statistics are available here in <u>English</u>, <u>Albanian</u> and <u>Serbian</u>. Below are summaries of the adopted Opinions; the full texts will be published on the Panel's webpage in approximately a month's time.

## Sava JOVANOVIĆ v. UNMIK (case no. 213/09)

The complainant is the son of Mr Jovan Jovanović, who was abducted from his house in Leshan/Lešane village, Suharekë/Suva Reka municipality, Prizren region, by members of the KLA on some date between 11 and 13 June 1999. Since that time his whereabouts have remained unknown.

The Panel concluded that UNMIK failed to carry out an effective investigation into the abduction and disappearance of Mr Jovan Jovanović, thus violating the procedural limb of Article 2, ECHR, and that by its behaviour, UNMIK contributed to the complainant's distress and mental suffering, constituting a violation of Article 3 of the ECHR.

#### Vlainka RISTIĆ v. UNMIK (case no. 269/09)

The complainant is the wife of Mr Srba Ristić, who disappeared on 13 July 1999 from the village of Strezovc/Strezovce, Kamenicë/Kamenica municipality. Since that time his whereabouts have remained unknown.

The Panel concluded that UNMIK failed to carry out an effective investigation into the disappearance of Mr Srba Ristić. There has accordingly been a violation of Article 2, procedural limb, of the ECHR. The Panel also found that by its behaviour UNMIK contributed to the complainant's distress and mental suffering, constituting a violation of Article 3 of the ECHR.

#### Nebojša GRUJIĆ v. UNMIK (case no. 287/09)

The complainant is the son of Mr Branislav Grujić, who was abducted from his vehicle by unnamed persons in Pejë/Peć, on 18 June 1999, as he was trying to locate his nephew Mr Milorad Grujić, who had also been disappeared. Mr Branislav Grujić was never seen alive again. On 1 April 2005, UNMIK returned his mortal remains to the family members.

The Panel concluded that UNMIK failed to carry out an effective investigation into the abduction and killing of Mr Branislav Grujić, in violation of the procedural obligation under Article 2 of the ECHR.

### Zorica STANKOVIĆ v. UNMIK (case no. 304/09)

The complainant is the wife of Mr Miodrag Stanković, who was abducted, on 23 June 1999, from outside of his apartment in Pejë/Peć by unnamed persons. Since that time, his whereabouts have remained unknown.

The Panel concluded that failed to carry out an effective investigation into the abduction and disappearance of Mr Miodrag Stanković, in violation of Article 2, procedural limb, of the ECHR. The Panel further found that by its behaviour UNMIK contributed to the complainant's distress and mental suffering, constituting a violation of Article 3 of the ECHR.

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The Panel was set up in Prishtinë/Priština by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) in 2006 to deal with alleged violations of human rights.