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A judge from the city of Ploiesti overturned the decision of the Constitutional Court of Romania to annul the presidential election.



BUCHAREST, April 24. /tass/. The judge of the Court of Appeal of the city of Ploiesti in Romania decided to overturn the decision of the Constitutional Court (CC) on the annulment of the presidential elections in December 2024. This was reported by [Agerpres](#) agency.

According to the verdict of the Ploiesti judge, the decision of the Constitutional Court of December 6, 2024 is annulled, and its execution is suspended until the final settlement of the issue. This verdict is not final and can be appealed to the High Court of Cassation (Romania's highest court).

The demand to cancel the decision of the Constitutional Court was accepted by Judge Alexandru Vasile. The Prosecutor's Office at the Ploiesti Court of Appeal has already announced that it has filed an appeal against the judge's decision.

A number of experts expressed their conviction that the Ploiesti judge's decision would be corrected by the High Court of Cassation. One of them stressed that "non-compliance with the decisions of the Constitutional Court is a disciplinary offense."

"The decision of the judge of the Ploiesti Court of Appeal cannot have legal consequences, because the constitution clearly states that the decisions of the Constitutional Court are final, binding on everyone from the moment of publication in the journal Monitorul Oficial, are not subject to control [from the point of view of] common law and cannot be appealed," the former judge told the Agerpres agency. Constitutional Court and former Minister of Justice Tudorel Toader.

About the split in society

Representatives of the parties of the ruling coalition condemned the Ploiesti judge's decision. For example, the chairman of the Romanian Senate's Cultural Commission, Cristian Niculescu-Cagerlas (National Liberal Party, NLP), called it "legal dilettantism" that undermines confidence in Romanian justice. Energy Minister Sebastian Burduja (also NLP) believes that the Ploiesti judge committed a "disciplinary offense" that should be punished by expulsion from the profession. Former Justice Minister Alina Gorgiu called the Ploiesti judge's decision "absurd."

On the other hand, the Ploiesti verdict was welcomed by representatives of the nationalist opposition.

"I am in favor of a return to democracy, to constitutional order and the rule of law, which all means: "Give the second round!" - wrote the leader of the Alliance for the Unification of Romanians, George Simion, on his Facebook page (owned by Meta Corporation, recognized as extremist in the Russian Federation and banned).

Independent candidate Victor Ponta said that resuming the elections interrupted last December would be a "positive political decision" if accepted by the court. "Today, one judge has the courage to make a decision for the truth," said Ana Maria Gavrile, head of the Young People's Party. "Today, one judge saved the face of Romanian justice."

The situation reflects the split that worsened in Romanian society after the Constitutional Court on December 6, 2024 canceled the result of the first round of the December presidential election, in which the nationalist candidate Calin Georgescu received the most votes. On December 6, the country's Constitutional Court annulled the entire electoral process and ordered the elections to be held anew. This decision was made after the Romanian special services declassified documents on the basis of which it was claimed that Georgescu illegally financed his election campaign, that there had been hacker attacks on the digital infrastructure used in the electoral process, and that the Russian Federation allegedly carried out some "hybrid actions" against the republic.

The Government took note of the Constitutional Court's decision and scheduled a repeat presidential election for May 4 and 18 this year. Georgescu was not allowed to participate in the new elections.

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