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Romania's Court of Cassation has stopped an attempt to resume presidential elections

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BUCHAREST, April 25. /tass/. The High Court of Cassation of Romania (the highest court) granted the appeals of the Constitutional Court (CC) and the Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Appeal of Ploiesti and overturned the decision of the judge of the Ploiesti Court of Appeal to invalidate the decision of the Constitutional Court of December 6, 2024 on the annulment of the presidential elections.

The Supreme Council of Magistracy, which oversees the professional activities of judges and prosecutors, announced that the judicial Inspectorate would conduct an inspection to identify possible disciplinary violations by the Ploiesti judge who made the decision.

Preparations for the presidential elections scheduled for May 4 and 18 are continuing.

Similar lawsuits have been registered in many Romanian courts of appeal to overturn last year's Constitutional Court decision. In total, more than 130 such lawsuits were filed between April 8 and 17, and so far the courts have ruled on about half of them, and all of them have been rejected.

On November 24, 2024, the first round of the presidential election was held in Romania, in which the nationalist candidate Calin Georgescu received the most votes. On December 6, the Constitutional Court annulled the results of the vote and decided to hold it again. This decision was made after Romanian intelligence agencies declassified documents from which it followed that Georgescu allegedly 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 repeat presidential elections for May 4 and 18 this year. On January 17 of this year, the High Court of Cassation rejected Calin Georgescu's demand to resume the elections that were interrupted in December. Georgescu was not allowed to participate in the new elections.