

Basescu: I have learned of the Supreme Court decision, I will take legal action with ECHR

Romania's former President Traian Basescu says he has learned of the decision of the Supreme Court of Justice and Cassation (ICCJ) according to which he collaborated with the late Securitate political police, announcing that he will take "legal steps" with the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

"I have learned of ICCJ's decision, and, as I did throughout the entire trial, I will not comment on it publicly. I will take legal action with ECHR," Basescu wrote on Facebook on Wednesday.

In a final and binding decision on Wednesday, the Supreme Court of Justice and Cassation found that Basescu had collaborated with the late Securitate political police.

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal filed by the former president, sustaining the decision of September 20, 2019, issued by the Bucharest Court of Appeal - the court of first instance, by which the CNSAS action was taken up and found Traian Basescu was a Securitate informant.

"The court is hereby dismissing the legality objection raised by the appellant-defendant Basescu Traian. It is also dismissing the appeal as filed on November 5, 2021 by the appellant-defendant Basescu Traian against Ruling 471 of September 20, 2019, issued by the Bucharest Court of Appeal - Section VIII administrative and fiscal litigation. It is ruling in favour of the request for accessory intervention filed by the intervener Ciuvica Mugur-Cristian in the interest of the respondent-plaintiff National Council for the Study of Securitate Archives (CNSAS). Public hearing, today, March 23, 2022."

According to CNSAS, Basescu allegedly told on one of his merchant navy colleagues, which led to that person being grounded in Romania.

Court filings submitted to the court by CNSAS show that Basescu would have had a liaison officer in the rank of lieutenant-colonel appointed by the late Securitate to whom he would have given two hand-written informative notes.