

**Information on traffic in 2024
of corruption cases in the Supreme Court of Cassation**

The total number of cassation criminal cases pending at the Supreme Court of Cassation (SCC) in 2024 with the subject of crimes included in Annexes No. 1 and No. 2 to [Order No. 777/18.10.2022](#) of the President of the SCC, amended by [Order No. 109/14.02.2024](#), is 30. Of these, 5 are proceedings against persons holding senior public positions (under Article 6 of the Combating Corruption Act).

The total number of criminal cases for corruption offences decided by the Supreme Court of Cassation in 2024 (including proceedings initiated in previous years) is 38. Of these, 5 are against persons holding senior public positions.

The corruption cases tracked in this information total 49, initiated in 2024 and in previous years, 9 of them against persons holding senior public positions

I. Cases of corruption offences involving defendants holding senior public

Cases involving substantive corruption offences

	Defendant(s)	Qualification under national criminal law	Case number before the SCC	Status
1.	Mayor of Kuklen Municipality Manager of Nadezhda 2000 Ltd.	Art. 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery by a person holding a responsible official position) Art. 304b, par. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 192/2024, III criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.

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2.	Director of the commercial enterprise “State Hunting Enterprise”	Art. 219, para. 3 of the Criminal Code (willful negligence)	Criminal case No. 326/2023 , II criminal division	Annuls the judgment and refers the case back to the Court of Appeal for a fresh decision.
3.	Mayor of Radomir Municipality	Art. 254a of the Criminal Code (disposition of earmarked funds not	Criminal case	Apply the statute of limitations and do not punish the defendant.

		for the intended purpose by an official)	No. 238/2024, II criminal division	
4.	Prosecutor	Art. 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal case No. 804/2024, I criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
5.	Chief Architect of Ruse Municipality	Art. 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal case No. 344/2024, II criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
6.	Judge	Art. 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal case No. 441/2023, III criminal division	Found not guilty and acquitted.
7.	Mayor of Teteven Municipality	Art. 310, par. 1 of the Criminal Code (drawing up or alteration of a document by an official)	Criminal case No. 263/2024, III criminal division	Apply statute of limitations and terminate proceedings.

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8.	Municipal Councillor in the Municipal Council - Stara Zagora	Art. 167, par. 2 - 4 of the Criminal Code (vote trading)	Criminal case No. 954/2023, II criminal division	Imposes the penalties of “imprisonment” for a term of 2 years, the execution of which is suspended for a probationary period of 4 years, and a “fine” of BGN 12 000.
9.	Director of the National Intelligence Service, whose successor is the State Intelligence Agency	Art. 203, para. 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal case No. 1045/2018, III criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.

II. Cases of corruption offences involving defendants who do not hold senior public

Cases involving substantive corruption offences

	Defendant(s)	Qualification under national criminal law	Case number before the SCC	Status
1.	Chief Specialist “Forest Inspector” at the Regional Forest Directorate - Russe	Art. 301 of the Criminal Code (bribery)	Criminal case No. 239/2024, III criminal division	The penalty imposed is “probation” for a period of 6 months.
2.	Chairman of the Territorial Expert Medical Commission - Lovech	Art. 301 of the Criminal Code (bribery)	Criminal case No. 77/2024, III criminal division	The penalty imposed is “probation” for a period of 2 years.
3.	Inspector at the Labour Inspectorate	Art. 301 of the Criminal Code (bribery)	Criminal case No. 765/2023, I criminal division	The penalties imposed were “imprisonment” for a term of 2 years, the serving of which was suspended with a probationary period of 3 years, “fine” in the amount of BGN 500, “deprivation of the right to hold public office” for a term of 2 years.
4.	Two defendants - police authorities	Art. 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 910/2024, III criminal division	Each of the defendants was sentenced “imprisonment” for a term of 2 years, the serving of which was suspended with a probationary period of 4 years, “a fine” in the amount of BGN 3,000, “disqualification from holding public office in the Ministry of the Interior” for a term of 2 years.
5.	Police authority	Art. 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 686/2024, II criminal division	Imposed a sentence of 2 years' imprisonment, the serving of which was suspended for a probationary period of 5 years
6.	Two defendants - police authorities	Art. 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 449/2024, I criminal division	Defendant 1: sentenced to “imprisonment” for a term of 3 years, the serving of which was suspended with a probationary period of 4 years, “fine” in the amount of BGN 1000,

		Art. 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)		“disqualification from exercising a profession or activity related to the Ministry of Interior” for a term of 3 years. Defendant 2: sentenced to 8 months' imprisonment, suspended for a probationary period of 3 years.
7.	Two defendants - police authorities	Art. 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 824/2023, I criminal division	One of the defendants was acquitted, and the other was sentenced to “imprisonment” for a term of 3 years, the serving of which was suspended for a probationary period of 3 years, and a “fine” of BGN 1000
8.	Police authority	Art. 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 733/2023, I criminal division	The penalties imposed were “imprisonment” for a term of 3 years, the execution of which was suspended with a probationary period of 3 years, “fine” in the amount of BGN 1000, “disqualification from holding a position in the Ministry of Interior” for a term of 3 years.
9.	Police authority	Art. 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 248/2023, I criminal division	Sets aside the judgment and refers the case back for a fresh decision.
10.	No official capacity	Art. 304 of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official)	Criminal case No. 1162/2023, I criminal division	The penalty imposed is “probation” for a period of 7 months.
11.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 991/2024, III criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
12.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 941/2024, III criminal division	Annuls the judgment and refers the case back to the Court of Appeal for a fresh decision.
13.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 831/2024, I criminal division	Reduces the periodicity of the measures of influence imposed in the framework of the

				sentence of probation for a period of 6 months.
14.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 694/2024, II criminal division	The penalties imposed were “imprisonment” for a term of 8 months, the execution of which was suspended for a probationary period of 3 years, and a “fine” of BGN 500.
15.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 644/2024, III criminal division	Penalties of “imprisonment” for a term of 1 year and “fine” in the amount of BGN 1000 were imposed.
16.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 508/2024, II criminal division	Annuls the judgment and refers the case back to the Court of Appeal for a fresh decision.
17.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 334/2024, I criminal division	The penalties imposed were “imprisonment” for 6 months, the execution of which was suspended for a probationary period of 3 years, and a “fine” of BGN 1000.
18.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 222/2024, II criminal division	Criminal proceedings refused to resume. The penalties imposed are “imprisonment” for 1 year and 6 months and “fine” in the amount of BGN 1600.
19.	No official capacity	Art. 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal case No. 1145/2023, III criminal division	Penalties imposed were “imprisonment” for 1 year, the execution of which was suspended with a probationary period of 3 years, and a “fine” of BGN 2,000.
20.	No official capacity	Art. 304b of the Criminal Code (passive influence peddling)	Criminal case No. 901/2023, III criminal division	The European Public Prosecutor's Office has withdrawn its protest before the cassation instance. The sentence imposed by the appellate court was “imprisonment” for 6 months, the execution of which was suspended for a probationary period of 3 years.

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21.	Quaestor of the Cooperative Commercial Bank AD (in bankruptcy)	Art. 219, para. 4 in par. 3 of the Criminal Code (insolvency in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal case No. 433/2024, I criminal division	Found not guilty and acquitted.
22.	Defendant 1: Director General of the National Railway Infrastructure Company Defendant 2: Director of the Railway Section - Ruse at the National Railway Infrastructure Company Defendant 3: without official capacity	Art. 219, para. 4 in par. 3 of the Criminal Code (insolvency in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case) Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 541/2022, III criminal division	Defendant 1: absolute limitation period expired. Defendants 2 and 3: sentences of 2 years' imprisonment, suspended for a probationary period of 5 years, and 3 years' disqualification from exercising certain activities.
23.	Chief Accountant in Petrich Municipality	Art. 219, para. 4 in par. 3 of the Criminal Code (insolvency in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal case No. 109/2024, II criminal division	Found not guilty and acquitted.
24.	Manager of "Vodosnabdiavane i kananizatsiane - Dobrich" Ltd.	Art. 220 CC (unfavourable transaction)	Criminal case No. 846/2023, III criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
25.	Seven defendants, some of them in an official capacity (managers of	Art. 255, para. 2 of the Criminal Code (tax evasion involving an official)	Criminal case No. 1111/2024, III criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.

	commercial companies) others without official capacity			
26.	Chief Specialist at the Military Club - gr. Troyan, Territorial Department - Sofia, Executive Agency "Military Clubs and Military Recreation"	Art. 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal case No. 441/2024, III criminal division	Found not guilty and acquitted.
27.	Assistant Forester	Art. 311, par. 1 of the Criminal Code (false documentation)	Criminal case No. 98/2023, I criminal division	Found not guilty and acquitted.

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28.	Three defendants without official capacity	Art. 167, par. 2 - 4 of the Criminal Code (trading in votes)	Criminal case No. 574/2024, I criminal division	A sentence of "probation" for a period of 6 months was imposed on all three.
29.	Croupier in "EMG Holiday" Ltd.	Art. 201 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement)	Criminal case No. 621/2024, I criminal division	Annuls the judgment and remits it to the Court of Appeal for a fresh decision.
30.	Director of the Territorial Directorate - Varna to the Executive Agency "Military Clubs and Military Recreation"	Art. 202, para. 1, item 1 and item 2 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 915/2021, II criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
31.	Manager of St. John's Resort Ltd. and Messembria Resort Ltd.	Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 749/2024, III criminal division	Sentences of 3 years' imprisonment were imposed, which were suspended for a probationary period of 5 years,

				“deprivation of the right to hold a position of material responsibility” for a period of 3 years and “deprivation of the right to exercise a profession or activity involving material accountability” for a period of 3 years.
32.	Four defendants - officials of Katsarsky Services Ltd.	Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 479/2024, III criminal division	<p>Defendant 1: Sentences of “imprisonment” for 4 years, “disqualification from holding public office” and “disqualification from exercising a profession relating to the management and custody of public money and goods” for 7 years.</p> <p>Defendants 2 and 3: Sentences of “imprisonment” for 3 years each, suspended for a probationary period of 5 years, “disqualification from holding public office” and “disqualification from exercising a profession related to the management and custody of public money and goods” for a period of 6 and 4 years respectively.</p> <p>Defendant 4: Imposed sentences of “imprisonment” for 2 years, suspended for a probationary period of 4 years, “disqualification from holding public office” and “disqualification from exercising a profession relating to the management and custody of public money and goods” for a period of 4 years.</p>
33.	Chief Finance Specialist at the City Hall - town of. Kostandovo and Chief Accountant at the Neofit Rilski	Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 453/2024, III criminal division	The request for reopening was granted and the case was returned to the pre-trial phase.

	Primary School - town of Sofia. Kostandovo			
34.	Two defendants - members of the Board of Directors and representing LIDA AD	Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 1093/2021, III criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
35.	Accountant at the Municipal Enterprise "Social Enterprise - Public Canteen" - Ruse	Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 839/2023, I criminal division	Annuls the judgment delivered and refers the case back to the court of first instance.
36.	Territorial Director of the EA "Social activities" of the Ministry of Defence	Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 887/2021, I criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
37.	Security guard - collector at G4S Security Solutions Ltd and two assistants	Article 202, paragraph 2, item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal case No. 221/2024, III criminal division	Defendant 1: sentenced to "imprisonment" for a term of 7 years, "confiscation" of property, "disqualification from holding a state or public office related to the performance of accounting and material-responsible activities" for a term of 7 years and "disqualification from exercising accounting and material-responsible activities" for the same term. Defendant 2: sentences of "imprisonment" for a term of 3 years, the serving of which was suspended with a probationary period of 5 years, "deprivation of the right to hold a state or public office related to the performance of accountable and materially responsible activities" for a term of 4 years and "deprivation of the right to exercise

				accountable and materially responsible activities” for the same term. Defendant 3: sentences of “imprisonment” for a term of 4 years, “disqualification from holding a state or public office related to the performance of accounting and material responsibility activities” for a term of 5 years and “disqualification from exercising accounting and material responsibility activities” for the same term.
38.	An official who performed managerial work and work related to the management of other people's property at United Bulgarian Bank AD	Art. 203, para. 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal case No. 835/2024, I criminal division	The proceedings have not been concluded.
39.	Commercial proxy of “Algara Trade” - Ltd.	Art. 203, para. 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal case No. 234/2024, III criminal division	Found not guilty and acquitted.
40.	Head of the Clinic “Dermatology and Venereology” at the Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment - Sofia at the Military Medical Academy	Art. 203, para. 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case) Art. 282, para. 3 in conj. with para. 2, proposition 1 and 2 in conj. with para. 1 of the Criminal Code (qualified offence of office)	Criminal case No. 167/2023, III criminal division	Found not guilty and acquitted.