

Information on the Progress in 2025 of Cases Concerning Corruption Offences before the Supreme Court of Cassation**

The cassation criminal cases initiated before the Supreme Court of Cassation (SCC) in 2025 concerning offences included in Annexes No. 1 and No. 2 to Order No. 777 of 18 October 2022 of the President of the SCC, as amended by Order No. 109 of 14 February 2024 and Order No. 773 of 1 September 2025, amount to a total of 25 cases. Of these, 3 are against persons holding senior public positions (within the meaning of Article 6 of the Anti-Corruption Act).

The criminal cases concerning corruption offences adjudicated by the Supreme Court of Cassation in 2025 (including proceedings initiated in previous years) amount to a total of 18 cases. Of these, 5 are against persons holding senior public positions.

The corruption offence cases whose progress in 2025 is covered by the present information amount to a total of 36 cases, initiated both in 2025 and in previous years, 7 of which concern persons holding senior public positions.

I. Cases Concerning Corruption Offences with Defendants Holding Senior Public Positions

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	Defendant(s)	Legal Classification under the National Criminal Law	Case Number before the SCC	Status
1.	Mayor of Kuklen Municipality	Article 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery committed by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 192/2024, Third Criminal Chamber	The appellate judgment has been set aside and the case has been remitted to the appellate court for a new examination.

	Manager of “Nadezhda 2000” Ltd.	Article 304b(1) of the Criminal Code (passive trading in influence); Article 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)		
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2.	Prosecutor	Article 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal Case No. 804/2024, First Criminal Chamber	The application for reopening has been upheld and the case has been remitted to the court of first instance for a new examination at the stage of the preliminary hearing.
3.	Chief Architect of Ruse Municipality	Article 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal Case No. 344/2024, Second Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
4.	Director of the Regional Directorate “Automobile Administration – Pleven”	Article 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal Case No. 1063/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.

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5.	Director of the National Intelligence Service, whose legal successor is the State Agency “Intelligence”	Article 203(1) of the Criminal Code (embezzlement by an official in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal Case No. 1045/2018, Third Criminal Chamber	The criminal-law part of the case has been discontinued due to the defendant’s health condition (a mental disorder excluding criminal responsibility within the meaning of Article 25(1), item 5 of the Criminal Code), while the civil-law part has been remitted for a new examination by a different panel of the appellate court.
6.	Municipal Councillor of the Municipal Council – Stara Zagora	Article 167(2)–(4) of the Criminal Code (vote-buying)	Criminal Case No. 93/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	The application for reopening has been upheld and the case has been remitted for a new examination at the stage of admission of evidence before the appellate instance.
7.	Mayor of the village of Bata, Pomorie	Article 167(2)–(4) of the Criminal Code (vote-buying)	Criminal Case No. 854/2025, First Criminal Chamber	A sentence of “imprisonment” for a term of 10 months has been imposed, the execution of which has been

	Municipality, Burgas Region			suspended for a probationary period of 3 years.
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II. Cases Concerning Corruption Offences with Defendants Who Do Not Hold Senior Public Positions

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	Defendant(s)	Legal Classification under the National Criminal Law	Case Number before the SCC	Status
1.	Chief Revenue Inspector in the “Audits” Department, “Control” Directorate of the Territorial Directorate of the National Revenue Agency	Article 302, item 4 of the Criminal Code (bribery in particularly large amounts)	Criminal Case No. 151/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	Penalties of “imprisonment” for a term of 3 years have been imposed, the execution of which has been suspended for a probationary period of 5 years, and a “fine” in the amount of BGN 10,000.
2.	Chief Revenue Inspector at the Territorial Directorate of the National Revenue	Article 301 of the Criminal Code (bribery)	Criminal Case No. 617/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.

	Agency – Varna, “Audits” Department			
3.	Five defendants – inspectors at the Regional Directorate “Automobile Administration” – Haskovo	Article 301 of the Criminal Code (bribery)	Criminal Case No. 641/2025, First Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
4.	Official – system operator in the group “Registration and Reporting of Road Vehicles, Owners and Drivers” at the “Traffic Police” Sector of the Regional Directorate of the Ministry of Interior – Dobrich	Article 301 of the Criminal Code (bribery)	Criminal Case No. 794/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
5.	Three defendants – police officers	Article 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery committed by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 126/2025, First Criminal Chamber	Defendant 1: a sentence of “imprisonment” for a term of 6 months has been imposed, the

				execution of which has been suspended for a probationary period of 3 years. Defendant 2: a sentence of “imprisonment” for a term of 4 months has been imposed, the execution of which has been suspended for a probationary period of 3 years. Defendant 3: the criminal proceedings have been discontinued due to the defendant’s death.
6.	Police officer	Article 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery committed by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 179/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	The contested judicial act has been set aside and the case has been remitted for a new examination from the stage of the court hearing.

7.	Person not holding an official position	Article 225b of the Criminal Code (bribery in the business sector)	Criminal Case No. 809/2025, First Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
8.	Two defendants – police officers	Article 302, items 1 and 2 of the Criminal Code (bribery committed by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 849/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
9.	Police officer	Article 302, item 1 of the Criminal Code (bribery committed by a person holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 78/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	Penalties of “imprisonment” for a term of 2 years have been imposed, the execution of which has been suspended for a probationary period of 3 years, a “fine” in the amount of BGN 2,000, deprivation of the right to hold a public office within the system of the Ministry of Interior for a period of 5 years, and deprivation of the right to exercise the profession of police officer for a period of 5 years.

10.	Person not holding an official position	Article 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 991/2024, Third Criminal Chamber	Penalties of “imprisonment” for a term of 1 year and a “fine” in the amount of BGN 1,000 have been imposed.
11.	Person not holding an official position	Article 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 475/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	Penalties of “probation” for a term of 8 months have been imposed (with measures including “mandatory registration at the current address” with reporting to a probation officer twice weekly and “mandatory periodic meetings with a probation officer”), and a “fine” in the amount of BGN 300.
12.	Person not holding an official position	Article 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 479/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
13.	Person not holding an official position	Article 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 836/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	The contested judicial act has been set aside and the case has been

				remitted for a new examination by a different panel of the appellate court.
14.	Person not holding an official position	Article 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 1040/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
15	Person not holding an official position	Article 304a of the Criminal Code (bribery of an official holding a responsible official position)	Criminal Case No. 781/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
16.	Person not holding an official position	Article 307g of the Criminal Code (trading in influence in the sports sector)	Criminal Case No. 129/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	The contested judicial act has been set aside and the case has been remitted to the appellate instance for a new examination.

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17.	Official within the meaning of Article 93,	Article 219(3) of the Criminal Code (intentional mismanagement)	Criminal Case No. 744/2025, Third Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
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	item 6 of the Criminal Code			
18.	Manager of “Water Supply and Sewerage – Dobrich” Ltd. (Article 6(1), item 51 of the Anti-Corruption Act)	Article 220 of the Criminal Code (disadvantageous transaction)	Criminal Case No. 846/2023, Third Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
19.	Person not holding an official position – sole owner of the share capital of a commercial company	Article 256(2) of the Criminal Code (budget fraud with the participation of an official)	Criminal Case No. 902/2025, First Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
20.	Chief specialist at the Military Club – Troyan; Territorial Unit – Sofia, Executive Agency “Military Clubs and Military Recreation”	Article 282 of the Criminal Code (offence in office)	Criminal Case No. 109/2025, First Criminal Chamber	The defendant has been found not guilty and acquitted.

21	Commander of the Detention Facility in Ruse at the Regional Directorate “Execution of Punishments” – Ruse	Article 283(1) of the Criminal Code (official abusing official position for the purpose of obtaining pecuniary benefit)	Criminal Case No. 643/2025, First Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
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22.	Director of a Territorial Directorate of the Executive Agency “Social Activities”	Article 202(1), item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement by an official, committed through the involvement of two or more persons acting in concert, or committed twice or more times, after prior conspiracy)	Criminal Case No. 15/2017, First Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
23.	Two defendants – members of the Board of Directors and executive directors representing “LIDA” AD	Article 202(2), item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in particularly large amounts)	Criminal Case No. 1093/2021, Third Criminal Chamber	The defendants have been found not guilty and acquitted.

24.	Territorial Director at the Executive Agency “Social Activities” of the Ministry of Defence	Article 202(2), item 1 of the Criminal Code (embezzlement in large amounts)	Criminal Case No. 887/2021, First Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.
25.	Official performing managerial functions and responsible for safeguarding and managing entrusted property at “United Bulgarian Bank” AD	Article 203(1) of the Criminal Code (embezzlement by an official in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal Case No. 835/2024, First Criminal Chamber	The single most severe penalty of “imprisonment” for a term of 4 years has been imposed.
26.	Official	Article 203(1) of the Criminal Code (embezzlement by an official in particularly large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)	Criminal Case No. 202/2025, First Criminal Chamber	Penalties of “imprisonment” for a term of 6 years and deprivation of rights under Article 37(1), items 6 and 7 of the Criminal Code for a term of 7 years have been imposed.
27.	Former Director of the Territorial Directorate “Social Activities” –	Article 203(1) of the Criminal Code (embezzlement by an official in particularly	Criminal Case No. 480/2017, Second Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.

	Varna at the Ministry of Defence	large amounts, constituting a particularly serious case)		
28.	Expert witness	Article 291(1) of the Criminal Code (false expert opinion)	Criminal Case No. 158/2025, First Criminal Chamber	The contested judicial act has been set aside and the case has been remitted for a new examination from the stage of the court hearing.
29.	Candidate for municipal councillor	Article 167(2)–(4) of the Criminal Code (vote-buying)	Criminal Case No. 608/2025, Second Criminal Chamber	The proceedings have not been concluded.