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El-Masri Comments Roundup



It is now two months ago that the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights delivered its judgment in the case of [El-Masri v. Macedonia](#) on extraordinary rendition. This important judgment has led to a number of interesting comments and reactions. For your convenience I assemble them here.

The case was commented upon in a range of law blogs:

- '[Extraordinary rendition gets to Strasbourg – a right to the truth](#)' on UK Human Rights Blog.
- '[Condemning extraordinary rendition: El-Masri v. the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#)' on Strasbourg Observers.
- '[European Court: U.S. Extraordinary Rendition “Amounted to Torture”](#)' on American Civil Liberties Union's Blog of Rights.
- '[ECtHR: Macedonian Government Responsible for Torture of El-Masri](#)' on iLawyer.
- '[The ECtHR Finds Macedonia Responsible in Connection with Torture by the CIA, but on what Basis?](#)' on EJIL Talk!

In addition, a large number of human rights NGOs reported on the case:

- [Public Statement by Amnesty International and the International Commission of Jurists](#)

- Open Society Foundation
- Human Rights Europe
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Interights
- Amnesty International Ireland
- Amnesty International USA

The whole case was to an important extent built on information gathered by PACE rapporteur Dick Marty, who for years investigated the secret detention sites in Europe and the practice of rendition. See e.g. this [report](#) of his in which El-Masri is reported on as a case study.