
ROMANIAN TOP COURT OVERTURNS PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE TO HATE SPEECH BILL

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Romania's top court on Thursday struck down a challenge brought by centrist President Nicușor Dan against a bill seeking harsher punishment for antisemitism and hate speech after a divisive election in which the far right gained ground.

Parliament updated legislation outlawing the celebration of fascist leaders or imagery in June, introducing prison sentences for the promotion of antisemitism and xenophobia via social media platforms.

The bill also increases jail terms for creating or belonging to racist organisations.

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