

French vegetative man's parents to appeal decision allowing him to die

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The parents of a severely brain-damaged Frenchman will challenge a European Court of Human Rights decision to allow him to die, their lawyers said Friday.

Lawyers Jean Paillot and Jerome Triomphe said they had "new elements" to challenge the decision by the court on June 5 to withdraw [life support](#).

Vincent Lambert, 38, was left quadriplegic and in a [vegetative state](#) following a road accident in 2008.

His devout Catholic parents and two siblings had appealed to the Strasbourg-based court in a desperate bid to stop doctors from withdrawing intravenous feeding after exhausting their legal options in France.

But his wife, Rachel, and six of his other eight siblings insist Lambert—a former psychiatric nurse—would never have wanted to be kept alive artificially.

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