

Re: USA v Julian Assange

The decision of the High Court today has rejected three grounds of appeal argued by the USA. It upholds the judgment of District Judge Baraitser as correct. On the basis of all that she heard, it would be oppressive to extradite Mr Assange to the USA given his mental health and the harsh conditions he would face in US prison.

The High Court allowed part of the US appeal which provides assurances, which were given after the evidential hearing by the District Judge and only after Judge Baraitser's judgment.

On behalf of Mr Assange, his lawyers will be seeking permission to appeal this decision to the Supreme Court; the application to do so has to be made in writing within 14 days.

Any such appeal to the Supreme Court would relate to the question of the assurances. Appeals on other important questions, including questions of free speech and on the political motivation of the US extradition request, have yet to be considered by an appeal court.

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