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Good morning. Today a court will decide whether Julian Assange should be released on bail from Belmarsh Prison, following the decision by Westminster Magistrate's court not to extradite him to the US on espionage charges. #Assange #Assangetrail

I am joining the hearing through remove video link and will report updates here #Assange #Assangetrial #WikiLeaks

The hearing is due to begin at 10 am, and I believe two hours have been allocated. Assange's defence team will apply for costs. #Assange #Assangetrial

On Monday the court ruled that Assange should not be extradited on the grounds that extradition, and the conditions he would face in US prisons, would be oppressive, because of Assange's health conditions. #Assange #Assangetrial

The judge, Vanessa Baraitser dismissed all other defence arguments. #Assange #Assangetrial

The US government has said it will appeal. If that happens, the case is likely to go to the Supreme Court, and will not be over any time soon. #Assange #Assangetrial

We can now see the court room in Westminster Magisrate's court. There are few people there at present. #Assange #AssangeTrial

Here is a report of Monday's decision. It is accompanied by a 132 page judgment and a 79 page annex.

https://t.co/A7qH7VWI97

You can read the judgment here.

https://t.co/l4CiIXYym4

NGOs and journalists have raised concerns that the verdict will have a chilling effect on investigative journalism, particularly in national security reporting. #Assange #AssangeTrial

Assange has arrived in court wearing a Navy suit and a face covering. #Assange #Assangetrial