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#Assange Extradition Decision

Joined the videolink to London’s Old Bailey.

There are 12 of us on this link so far, but journalists can join for another half an hour.

Well cross to the court room shortly before 10 London time.

ABC News Europe correspondent @lb_online also on the link

Carrie-Ann Greenbank from Channel 9 also

38 of us now plus Jen Robinson.

We’re in court . Nothing to see yet

Prosecution lawyers walking in. We don’t have a view of the whole room this time, at least not so far. A close up f a glass box. I presume that’s where they will bring Julian.

View of front of court now. Then paying court room & back to the glass boxed space.

Fitzgerald asked for water (off camera) but he is told there are no ushers.

Lots of brouhaha among the BBC journos who thought they were all approved. Only one per organisation allowed..

I heard Fitzgerald say something about 10.30... that cuts it down to half an hour. Very short..

Julian

Mask, suit. Close up. Trying to talk to someone but not in view.
Judge enters

Julian giving his name.

Terrible echo when judge speaking. Uggghh

She will make written judgement available.

We ate complaining on the chat function because we can't hear the judge.

She said she would make a short statement & is reading it but the echo is so bad I can't hear her words.

Host says they have made the court aware of the audio problem. It will all be over before they fix it.

She is summarising events.

This looks like a bigger court room & they obviously didn't test the judge's audio. Pretty appalling.

I am hearing from another on the link who has better audio that her findings are terrible. But I can't fuckin* hear & neither can many others.

They just moved her mic. Better

Impact on Stella & children of extradition : Nothing out of the ordinary

Jury pool in US will be drawn from 6 counties, ensuring impartiality.

She doesn't accept any Defence arguments. All constitutional protections she believes will be made available to him.

Detailing doctrines of Due Process protections in the US.

No basis for reaching the conclusion she says he will not receive the protections of the US Constitution.

She claims once he is on US soil, he will have the protection of US Constitution

"This court trusts that the US will protect Mr Assange's rights"

On his health: accept he suffers from episodic depression & Aspergers.

Accepts he has had suicidal thoughts.

.. Has planned for his death.
A depressed & despairing man.

Suicide in the family.
Us conditions - real risk he will be held under SAMs

Quoting Pompeo on WL being a hostile ...
Real risk he will be held at ADX

Significant isolation, little contact with family or other people.

2 phone calls a month.
Conditions will have a deleterious effect on him.

He has the intelligence & determination to circumvent Suicide protocols

Oh my god

No EXtradition

Us has 14 days to appeal

Bail.... question

Fitzgerald: can we agree on bail today?

No she is “not in a position to”

She wants to know if he is ready to apply for bail today

He wants to speak to Julian first