
Assange's Appeal to Swedish Supreme Court Rejected

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WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange fears being extradited to face trial in the U.S. for his massive leak of classified documents.

Sweden's Supreme Court denied WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's appeal to drop the warrant for his arrest, upholding the detention order against the Australian whistleblower for alleged sexual offenses.

The court agreed to hear Assange's appeal last month, after the whistleblower acquiesced to questioning by Swedish prosecutors in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he has sought asylum for the last three years.

The 2010 warrant for Assange's arrest on two charges of sexual assault still stands after the court's rejection of his appeal.

"We are of course disappointed, and critical of the Supreme Court's way of handling the case. This decision has been taken without letting us close our argument," Assange's lawyer Per Samuelson told Reuters.

Assange fears the case with Sweden's Supreme Court could lead to him being extradited to the U.S., where he would face charges for revealing an unprecedented amount of classified information exposing horrific U.S. military activities.

Assange claims the charges brought against him by the Swedish Supreme court are fabricated to enable his extradition and eventual trial in the U.S. for WikiLeaks whistleblowing. He denies the sexual assault charges made by two Swedish women that led to his detention order in 2010.

Assange shot into the international public eye in 2010 when WikiLeaks published hundreds of thousands of U.S. military documents and diplomatic cables, leaking classified information that exposed the full extent of U.S. military abuses committed in its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

