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TWEET RECORD

Julian Assange Extradition Trial 2011-02-07

For the first day of Julian Assange's Extradition Trial, One Click collated what we consider to be some of the best and most informative tweets coming from the court. Running from the gamut of extremely serious to banter to bitchy we hope that our selection will give you a good flavour of what went down this day. The individuals referred to in the tweets are:

- * Geoffrey Robertson QC, Julian Assange defence barrister
- * Clare Montgomery, barrister (Matrix Chambers) for the CPS prosecution
- * Brita Sundberg-Weitman, retired Swedish judge, witness for the defence
- * Sven-Erik Alhem, retired Swedish prosecutor, acting for the defence
- * Gorun Rudling, activist, witness for the defence

For viewing of the originals go to Twitter [@OneClickGroup](https://twitter.com/OneClickGroup)



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Julian [#Assange](https://twitter.com/Assange) just spoken outside court. He hopes black box of rape applied to his life will now be opened in court [#wikileaks](https://twitter.com/wikileaks)



[estheraddley](https://twitter.com/estheraddley) esther addley
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Abrupt end to Rudung evidence. 2 brief qs from montgomery only. That's it for today. tomo
[#assange](https://twitter.com/assange)



[rixstepofficial](#) Rixstep

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Swedish govt/media now removing blogs reporting on case and positive to [#Assange](#)

<https://www.flashback.org/sp28740183>



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No more witnesses for the day



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Montgomery asks if Rudling has seen the full police file, he replies that yes he has seen it, says he saw the leaked file. [#Assange](#)



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GR: The idea that you can consent to something you don't want is not applicable to our language



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Says police never contacted him again abt his statement. [#assange](#)



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GR translates 7-point plan for court. 'When I blogged abt this ms a emailed immediately to say sh wdnt delete. But she did'



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GR: I wrote an article in my blog about the deletions. Miss A sent me an email immediately saying she hadn't deleted anythign



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Indeed it was Anna Ardin that wrote 7 steps plan for revenge as illustrated in Skeleton Argument, Geoffrey Robertson QC [#wikileaks](#)



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Ok so it seems it was Miss A that wrote the 7 step plan for revenge



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On the 19th of January 2010, 10 months before allegations, Ny published the 7 steps to deal with sexual crime. It was edited after Assange case



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Rudung: I am not a supporter of [#assange](#) or [#wikileaks](#)



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SVA= Sven-Erik Ahlem



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Tweets in question referred to crayfish party and being outside with 'the coolest people in the world'

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Most of the statements I have reported are from GR



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Sorry if I caused any confusion. SVA is interrogating. GR is witness



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Is SVA or GR on the stand? [#assange](#) [#wikileaks](#)



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Assange complains he can't hear from the back of the room. Press can barely hear in annex either much confusion as to who is on the stand.



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Sven-erik Ahlem, a former prosecutor, tells court Miss A "erased Twitter tweets" which indicated she was "positive and happy" with [#assange](#)



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Activist Goran Rudling from a Swedish website (called "consent now") has taken the stand - talking about Miss A's "missing tweets" [#c4news](#)



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"Are you a supporter of Wikileaks or Assange?" GR: "No I am not, I think when you leak information you should be careful"



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"My native language is Swedish and if I dont understand the question, I'll ask you again"



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"My mother was raped by her stepfather, I dont want anybody to go through what we had to go through"



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Goron Rudung sworn. Robertson junior (sorry don't know his name) questioning. [#assange](#)



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Robertson: throughout the investigation period, Ny was talking to the press. Is that correct? BSW: Yes, I saw her on TV



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This is Twitter at its best. Live court reporting (inc boring bits) online recording. [#assange](#) [#wikileaks](#)



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Still it's great to report court cases as they happen and people seem to enjoy it...



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Tweeting from court exposes the boring nature of some parts of legal proceedings, you used to only hear the juicy bits, now you feel our pain



[DominicHurst](#) Dominic Hurst

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Swedish ex judge at [#wikileaks](#) hearing - in rape charge very likely suspect remanded in jail until trial in Sweden. No bail system like UK.



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Robertson: on a rape charge, what would be likely? BSW: The decision would be remanded until trial. He'd end up in prison.



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Robertson: In your experience as a judge in the case of Mr Assange, would the court insist that he stay in custody in prison?



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Britta says she thinks not interrogating [#Assange](#) while in Sweden & then requesting extradition is 'absurd' [#Wikileaks](#)



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Btw, don't expect there to be a decision tomorrow. Extradition hearings can consume years

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Geoffrey Robertson QC is up again asking her about proportionality. "It was obviously not proportionate," Britta says. [#wikileaks](#)



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Montgomery: She's a rape and domestic violence prosecutor. So can you point to any other evidence that she is radical?



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Tweetdeck is not letting me tweet most of the time, says I am tweeting duplicates... [#annoying](#)



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Montgomery reading out text from an interview with Ny surrounding rape cases.



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Britta says her opinion of Ny as acting 'maliciously' is based on what she has read, heard on radio and seen on TV [#Assange](#)



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Sundberg now being questioned on why she said Marianne Ny "seemed malicious".... [#c4news](#)
[#wikileaks](#)



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@[fieldproducer](#) Another journalist has referred to the media annex as 'starting to smell like a football changing room' [#Assange](#).



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Montgomery QC: Hypothetically, is Ms Ny entitled to issue a EAW if there is a prosecution?
Sundberg: Yes [#c4news](#) [#wikileaks](#)



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Slightly terse & irritated line of questioning on both sides, some meanings getting lost in translation

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Britta Sundberg-Weitman getting into stride: "Sweden's judicial system in decay since 1970s"

[#wikileaks](#) [#assange](#)



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Some quite spicy exchanges between Montgomery QC and Britta in court, getting quite a few laughs from the press in the annex. [#Assange](#)



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Swedish judge 'I must say I am v concerned abt rule of law in swe, has been decaying since mid 70s'

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BSW: we don't have a bail system in Sweden. he'd be either locked up or would have to report to police like he's doing now [#ninjalnAction](#)



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Montgomery QC for prosecution pushing Britta on whether she accepts that 2 different courts in Sweden thought the EWA proportionate [#Assange](#)



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Swedish retd judge contradicting self under questioning over whether [#assange](#) lawyer at appeal or not



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Ms. Ny was asked to explain herself before the Court of Appeal and was given 2 days



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Swedish translator being used now as Britta says she has problems with hearing & struggling to understand prosecutions questions [#Assange](#)



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Prosecution questioning Britta what she knows as opposed to what she's been told by the defence.

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Montgomery: Ny only applied for a warrant because when she contacted Assange's lawyer she didn't get a response



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Back after lunch and Britta Sundberg-Weitman now being questioned by the prosecution [#Assange](#)



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Moment of panic as internet connection didn't work (error 105...) but everything good now...just in time! hearing about to resume [#Assange](#)



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And that's lunch....



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Some of Sundberg-Weitman's responses getting laughs from the press, she responded sharply to one Robertson question with just "AND?" [#Assange](#)



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Brita Sundberg-Weitman: I dont think you can do more harm to a person than has been done in this case. He is known as a rapist worldwide!



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Brita Sundberg-Weitman: An authority must never use more harsh means than what is necessary for his/her objective to be pursued



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Brita Sundberg-Weitman: I THINK before they decide to prosecute they need to show all evidence to suspect



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Robertson: There's a rule that the preliminary investigation should be conducted as expeditiously as possible, is that correct?



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Brita Sundberg-Weitman: I think her intention is to have him arrested and maybe let him suffer for a bit so he can 'get softer'



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Robertson: Are prosecutors allowed to hear suspects on the phone? Brita: Yes, it's on the manual. It's recommended



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Sundberg (former Swedish judge) is talking about prosecutor Ny's attitude towards Mr Assange. "It looks malicious..." [#c4news](#) [#wikileaks](#)



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Robertson: "It would appear Ny is in favour of locking up innocent men" (this is verbatim)



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Britta on Swedish Prosecutor Marianne Ny: 'she has a rather biased view against men' 'she has lost balance' [#Assange](#)



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BSW: Swe pros overruling others' decisions 'I don't think its fair at all' - but not against Swe law [#assange](#)



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Former Swedish judge Brita Sundberg-Weitman spoke out on the [#Assange](#) matter | <http://wcentral.org/node/1015>



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Robertson; what is your view on the procedures concerning Assange case? Brita sundberg-weitman: Extremely peculiar



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In 1981 she was promoted to the Court of Appeal



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Correction: First witness for [#Assange](#) is Britta Sundberg-Weitman



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15 minutes break, then evidence then lunch as far as I understand.



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Geoffrey Robertson concludes opening statement saying [#Assange](#) has already been interrogated on allegations and has not been charged.



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Robertson: Assange has been interviewed on all 3 offences and was not charged. How can they say the warrant is for prosecution?



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Mr Assange and his legal team have not been showed the crucial taped messages which prove malice. They have to be provided with all evidence



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Defence: 'you can't get an European Arrest Warrant to assist police with their inquiries, it has to be for prosecution' [#Assange](#)



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Robertson QC: Section 2 of the certificate is the ambiguous bit



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Bit of background - Interpol: Swedish Sexual Offences Laws <http://me.lt/9Q8lv> [#Assange](#)



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@[AnnaAdamsBBC](#) Geoffrey Robertson QC (for Assange) says European Arrest Warrant is too draconian so he will get technical.



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@[fieldproducer](#) on @[federicacocco](#) "I'll admit it's not me." More lol. U 2 r good funageist & we all like your trial tweet coverage [#wikileaks](#)



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@[federicacocco](#) on @[fieldproducer](#) "ah! who's the youngest? I'm 26". Fess up @[fieldproducer](#) lol [#assange](#) [#wikileaks](#)



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@[federicacocco](#) and @[fieldproducer](#) jockeying for tip as younger members of media annex lol! both good, enjoy [#assange](#) [#wikileaks](#)



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Wondering what media annex is like? Imagine a portacabin classroom like at school but just full of older people with worse attention span



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Defence: arguing that Marianne Ny was not a valid signatory of the European Arrest Warrant

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Robertson QC: Unfair trial, double criminality, proportionality and minor rape. These are the main

issues [#Assange](#)



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[#assange](#) offered to be interviewed at Scotland Yard too. Enormous cooperation offered by [#assange](#)

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[#assange](#) offered to be questioned at Swedish embassy London, or by Skype. All refused [#wikileaks](#)



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Defence: it is clear that [#Assange](#) 'was prepared for 5 weeks to be interrogated' & Ny did not do it.



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Def: Assange was 'ready, willing & able to co-operate' with Swedish authorities so there is no need for extradition warrant.



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Geoffrey Robertson QC: Curious procedure whereby during a hearing Ms. Ny decided to reinstate the investigation of rape charge



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@[paul lewis](#) on @[AlexiMostrous](#) "Are you actually *inside* the courtroom?" Rupert Murdoch press for ya



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Assange looks fairly relaxed, resting his chin on his hand while listening to Robertson run through details of sex allegations. [#c4news](#)



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Robertson QC: The next issue is proportionality. Issue 5, page 36. The application for the EAW is disproportionate



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Robertson QC: in the 4th instance she thinks he's not wearing a condom, but she lets him continue, and afterwards they joked



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Robertson QC: In the course of the evening there are no less than 3 acts of consensual sex



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RT @[AlexiMostrous](#) Robertson QC: "What is in Swedish law is minor rape does not amount to rape in any other country." [#wikileaks](#)



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Robertson QC: Either the allegations are that there was enforcement of intercourse, or lack of consent. Or both.



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Robertson QC: Rape in this country is not a minor offence, minimum is 5 years



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Robertson QC: The prosecution describes the charge as a 'minor offence'. That is a contradiction in terms.



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Robertson: It is fundamental [in a rape case] that a woman says she did not consent - there is no such allegation. [#c4news](#) [#wikileaks](#)



[c4marcus](#) Marcus Edwards

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Have learnt another thing about Swedish system. Robertson says 'jury' effectively made up of 1 judge and 3 laypersons. [#Assange](#)



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Defence: 'ironic that this prosecutor will not interview Mr [#Assange](#) by telephone but she will interview the complainant by telephone'



[AnnaAdamsBBC](#) Anna Adams

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Def: Assange vilified in Swedish press & prosecution acted unlawfully revealing investigation. In UK they'd be jailed for contempt.



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Assange defence: Swedens blackspot - its the only place in EU where rape gets a secret trial. 'no man should be tried in holes or corners'



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Defence arguing that Sweden has no such thing as the Contempt of Court Act & due to 'media vilification' [#Assange](#) trial would be prejudiced



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Robertson: JA been vilified by 'this man borgstrom' (women's lawyer) - wd be behind bars 4 contempt in this country



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Why did Ny not take opportunity 2 interview [#Assange](#) while JA still in Sweden & why she did not accept Assange's proposal 2b interr in UK?



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Really good reports coming in about Geoffrey Robertson QC from Doughty Chambers for [#assange](#) [#wikileaks](#) <http://bit.ly/e3vjrK>



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Defence: 'there is risk of flagrant denial of justice' if [#Assange](#) tried for rape in Sweden



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Prosecution concludes denying [#Assange](#) human rights be vilolated by extradition & any US attempt to extradite would have to be agreed by UK



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Montgomery QC: The claim that Sweden would allow for extradition to the US is unfounded



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Montgomery QC: Mrs Ny told him she would make an application for an arrest warrant on the day Mr Assange left!



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RT @[KnowledgeEmpire](#) Sounds like [#Assange](#) just lost Argument 2 of 7. Key points are here:

<http://bit.ly/fMyAI9>



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Basically the point is that he's wanted for prosecution, not merely interrogation. [#Assange](#)

[#extradition](#)



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(That was [#Assange](#)'s first argument. - That Swedish prosecutor not authorized. Lost that one.)

<http://wcentral.org/node/894> <-- Breakdown



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Excellent 2 hear that all of Julian [#Assange](#) defence will be published online. True freedom of information [#wikileaks](#). Corp media slant dead



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Skeleton arguments of Assange defence team to question authority of Swedish prosecutor Marianne Ny, who's submitted a new statement. [#c4news](#)



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Claire Montgomery barrister acting for prosecution [#assange](#) [#wikileaks](#). Lives at Matrix chambers (Cherie Blaie) <http://bit.ly/edKhGk>



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RT @[federicacocco](#): Judge confirms hearing is being recorded, which is unusual [#Assange](#)



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Lawyers say in court: Julian [#Assange](#) human rights paramount. Public nature of the case against him means fair trial impossible [#wikileaks](#)



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Item 7: Reserves right 2 argue that extradition may be incompatible w/ Articles 3, 6, 8 & 10 of European Commission on Human Rights [#assange](#)



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Item 6: Assange reserves the right to argue extraneous considerations. (section 13 of the Act). [#assange](#)



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Item 5 to be argued: Offenses alleged in EAW not of serious nature in the UK, as they must be to constitute extradition offenses [#assange](#)



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Item 4 to be argued: There has been a further abuse of process: the conduct of the prosecution in Sweden. [#assange](#)



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Item 3 to be argued: There has been abuse of process: non-disclosure by the Swedish Prosecutor. [#assange](#)



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Item 2 to be argued: European arrest warrants only issued 4 prosecution, & it's been made v. clear that [#Assange](#) is wanted 4 questioning



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Item 1 to be argued: It is not accepted that the Swedish prosecutor is authorized to issue European Arrest Warrants (EAW) [#assange](#)



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RT @[Ian Fraser #Assange](#)'s full defence to be published on FSI website - <http://bit.ly/fvkW95> - at 10am <http://bit.ly/ennwRY>



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Julian [#Assange](#) arrives at court <http://twitpic.com/3xcxme>



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@[AlexiMostrous](#) I *think* [#assanges](#) grey hair may be lightly tinted orange. [#Murdoch](#) press trial reporting so bitchy [#wikileaks](#) [#cablegate](#)



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One Click will be tweeting Julian [#Assange](#) trial breaking news today [#wikileaks](#). [#Guardian](#) knives already out