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## **Ahmad's extradition to the USA is a travesty of justice**

The Islamic Forum Europe (IFE) denounces today's decision at the Bow Street Magistrates' court, which upheld the extradition of a British Muslim national, Babar Ahmad to America.

As a British citizen, Ahmad should be tried in Britain if he has any charges to answer for. IFE considers it a gross affront to the due process of law that the US is able to seek Ahmad's extradition under the Extradition Treaty 2003, which allows American prosecutors to request such a move without presenting evidence in a British court.

IFE calls on the Home Secretary to review and block today's unfair decision to extradite Ahmad to the USA.

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### **Notes to editors**

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