



Long running Bedzhamov extradition case discharged as an abuse of the process of the Court

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Westminster Magistrates' Court has discharged long running extradition proceedings against the Russian businessman, Georgy Bedzhamov.

Mr Bedzhamov is facing abusive and politically motivated criminal allegations relating to offences of fraud, in Russia and his extradition had been sought by the Russian Federation.

The Home Secretary accepted that Mr Bedzhamov's removal to Russia would violate his rights under articles 3, 5 and 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights. On this basis, he contended that the extradition proceedings were abusive and should be dismissed having regard in particular to section 93(6A) of the Extradition Act 2003.

At a hearing on 20 September 2021, District Judge Snow agreed that it would be an abuse of process of the Court to permit Russia's extradition request to proceed to a full hearing, and the proceedings were stayed, with costs.

Representatives of the Russian Federation indicated that they would not appeal against Judge Snow's decision.

Mr Bedzhamov was advised by Matthew Ingham of Payne Hicks Beach LLP's Citizenship & Immigration department, together with Ben Cooper QC and Anthony Vaughan of Doughty Street Chambers.

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