

U.K. court hands prison sentence to ex-diplomat who reported on persecution of Julian Assange

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London, May 15 (RHC)-- In Britain, journalists and freedom of speech advocates are sounding the alarm after former Ambassador Craig Murray was sentenced to eight months in prison over his reporting of a Scottish politician's sexual assault trial.

A Scottish court said Murray provided details on his blog that could allow people to figure out the identity of witnesses in the sexual assault trial, despite never identifying the individuals himself. Murray's defenders say he is being targeted because he is a whistleblower who has closely covered the case against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

The court is also preventing Murray from traveling to Spain to testify in a case involving the CIA spying on Assange while he took refuge at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London.

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