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## **U.K. Orders Extradition of British Terrorism Suspect to U.S.**

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The U.K. ordered the extradition of Babar Ahmad, a British man accused of raising money for the Taliban, to the U.S. to face trial on terrorism charges.

“The Home Secretary has given full consideration to complex representations that have been made on Mr. Ahmad's behalf but is satisfied that the conditions for his extradition have been met,” the government said in an e-mailed statement today.

Ahmad was arrested in August on U.S. charges of conspiracy to kill or injure persons in a foreign country, providing support to terrorists and money laundering. The U.S. government claims he used the Internet to raise money for militant Islamic fighters in Afghanistan and Chechnya between 1998 and 2003.

Ahmad had contested extradition on the grounds that he may face the death penalty in the U.S. or be transferred to a military jurisdiction, such as the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He also claimed he could be subjected to “special administrative measures,” including torture or solitary confinement, which could result in death or serious injury.

A U.K. judge in May ruled that the extradition could go ahead. The U.S. government told the court Ahmad wouldn't be executed if found guilty of the charges. Ahmad can appeal the Home Office decision as well as the judge's ruling, the Home Office said.