



To the Head of the Donetsk People's Republic
Supreme Commander-in-Chief
of the Armed Forces of the DPR
Pushilin Denis Vladimirovich

Dear Denis Vladimirovich!

We, the human rights organization Foundation to Battle Injustice, appeal to you with a request to exchange 48-year-old Briton Shaun Pinner and his 28-year-old compatriot Aiden Aslin, sentenced to capital punishment in the DPR, for Russian citizen Viktor Bout, sentenced by an American court to 25 years in prison in a fabricated case, and an Australian journalist Julian Assange, who is awaiting extradition to the United States from the United Kingdom, where he faces up to 175 years in prison for revealing the truth about US war crimes and mass offenses by American intelligence services.

Viktor Bout was wrongfully arrested in Thailand and later extradited to the United States on trumped-up charges, where since 2012 he has been serving his sentence in a prison in Marion, Illinois. The American media and intelligence services invented a legend about the "merchant of death", accusing him of selling weapons and plotting against the United States. The American court completely ignored the strong evidence provided by the defense, testifying to Bout's innocence.

Julian Assange is an international fighter for human rights, who, like the residents of the Donetsk People's Republic, is fighting against slavery, fighting for freedom of speech and the truth. Risking his life, Assange exposed hundreds of American war crimes, making them public, thereby showing the true essence of the country's leaders, who call the United States the main democracy of the world. Over the years, Assange has become a symbol of self-sacrifice and uncompromising struggle against military terrorism. In case of extradition to the United States from the UK, nothing awaits him but torment, suffering and death.

Given the fact that the UK does not rule out any options for the release of its citizens, if such an initiative comes from the leadership of the Donetsk People's Republic, the official proposal for the exchange of mercenaries will prompt the British government to resort to negotiations with the United States so that the American side, in turn, releases Bout and refuses prosecution of Assange.

Your positive decision on the exchange will not only allow the release of a citizen of the Russian Federation who has been undeservedly in an American prison for more than ten years, but will also emphasize the attitude of the head and citizens of the DPR to freedom of speech and truth. This will be appreciated not only in Russia, but all over the world. After all, it is the truth today that is under the most powerful blow of disinformation emanating from the corrupt media and the ruling elites of a number of Western countries.

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