



Libel hearing – the full story

Your piece (UK faces backlash as home of libel bullies, News, last week) is wrong in certain respects. Mr Justice Eady never ordered Rachel Ehrenfeld's book pulped. Mr Bin Mahfouz's claim was based not only on the books sold in England but also on false allegations accessible on an internet website. Mr Bin Mahfouz's libel proceedings were legitimately brought in a country where he has homes and business interests.

Ms Ehrenfeld first said she

would defend her allegations in the English court but changed her mind. She also chose not to contest jurisdiction in England. After a full and fair consideration, Mr Justice Eady concluded that Ms Ehrenfeld's allegations were wholly unfounded.

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Editor: We acknowledge the mistake over the pulping of the book.