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Bank Staff Must Testify: Talk Liberation, WikiLeaks Lawyers Win Key Concession in Icelandic Court

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In an epic court showdown three years in the making, software development house, [Talk Liberation](https://TalkLiberation.com), represented by [WikiLeaks' Icelandic lawyers](https://WikiLeaks.com), proved that justice is possible even when it seems improbable.

On June 19, 2025, after months of [delays](https://delays.com), the Talk Liberation team finally had our long-awaited day in court in Reykjavik, Iceland, against major Icelandic bank, Islandsbanki, to demand accountability for the de-banking and wrongful freezing of our USD\$1 million dollar seed funding in 2022.

Our winning WikiLeaks legal team went in with a vengeance, putting the burden of proof back on Islandsbanki, appealing to the judge that the bank had to show some of their cards and provide a witness—just like the Talk Liberation team was doing. The judge agreed and decided to give until September 2, 2025 to provide the required witnesses but the bank's hesitancy, opposing the motion at every step, exposed its weakness and showed that financial giants are not free from accountability.

Wikileaks Sveinn Andri Sveinsson, the Icelandic Supreme Court lawyer, said, "We don't know exactly why they took these measures of freezing the account and closing the business relationship, but it's on the other hand quite clear that after they did that, they lodged some kind of file or report, a Suspicious Activity Report on the AML [global financial system]. And it's obvious that after that was done, it was impossible for Talk Liberation to get any banking services in Iceland."

Meanwhile Talk Liberation founder Suzie Dawson gave powerful testimony, outlining the breadth of her knowledge and highlighting with confidence that Talk Liberation had done everything required of it relating to due diligence - with the receipts to prove it. Suzie emphasised that clearly Talk Liberation was not partaking in money laundering or terrorism and that is obviously why Islandsbanki eventually gave the money back.

But when the bank then tried to put the onus on Suzie, demanding to know why Talk Liberation didn't just find another bank and waited until 2023, Suzie retorted with a blunt statement that encapsulated the essence of the case: "This is a very clear example of victim blaming. It is like cutting someone's legs off and then asking them why they can't walk. We have a bank that's frozen our funds and has wrongfully accused us of falsifying documentation, they falsely accused our trustee company of

not even existing and then they are writing this into a system which any other bank will look into before making a decision about working with us. If Islandsbanki wants to understand why we can't do business with other banks, then Islandsbanki has to come clean about what they wrote in the AML system that other banks are judging us on. We will never understand the true costs or true damage until we discover the answers to the question as to what Islandsbanki wrote and how it's impacting us to this day." Islandsbanki's actions ultimately ruined Talk Liberation's plans to operate out of Iceland, depriving the Icelandic economy and labour force of millions of dollars in tech investment across the ensuing period. Suzie further emphasised this in her testimony, stating - "it's not just us that has been damaged by Islandsbanki, it is Iceland as well."

A key witness also gave vital testimony in the Islandsbanki case and independently verified Dawson's testimony to a T—especially about the bank's obstruction and stonewalling of Talk Liberation and their rejection of Talk Liberation's efforts to move the unfrozen funds—thereby validating Dawson's statements. The obvious conclusion is that the bank made false accusations and reports into the international banking system which greatly impacted Talk Liberation's ability to continue to access banking services and therefore affected the company's ability to advance its Icelandic operations and fulfill community expectations.

Who did What and Who Came First?

The bank also tried to divert attention from its role in causing Talk Liberation's inability to find a new Icelandic bank by focusing on others not wanting to work with the company, hinting at Suzie's recent de-banking in New Zealand, via New Zealand state bank [Kiwibank](#). In a twist underscoring the urgency of this campaign, Suzie Dawson reiterated how she was abruptly de-banked by the New Zealand's state-owned bank after nearly 25 years as a customer. No justification was provided for the termination of her account but a formal complaint with the New Zealand Banking Ombudsman has led to an investigation uncovering hundreds of internal Kiwibank documents, revealing major discrepancies in the bank's handling of its own internal record keeping, as well as its administration of her accounts, and her complaints.

Our Steep Climb Took Some Time, But We Can See The Top

In March 2025, Talk Liberation launched the #BadBanki online campaign, a bold initiative aimed at exposing the alarming trend of de-banking as a tool of political repression. The campaign provides a platform for victims worldwide to share their stories, amplifying the fight for financial justice and accountability.

Hosted at [BadBanki.com](#), Talk Liberation exposes irrefutable evidence that financial exclusion is being weaponised internationally to silence dissent, target activists, and suppress political opposition. Through meticulous research and firsthand testimonies, Talk Liberation continues to highlight this disturbing global phenomenon, urging the public to take action against systemic financial discrimination.

Talk Liberation demands transparency, justice, and reform. Though the hearing is not complete and we will not receive a judgement until later this year, this truly is a great step forward towards achieving redress for what was done to the team. We scored crucial points for the little guy, and now BadBanki must show their cards.

How Can People Help in This Fight Against Unfair Banking Practices?

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BACKGROUND:

In 2021, social media project [Panquake](#) was born out of the vision to rebalance the distribution of power between social media users and platforms, to create a space where users could communicate without being profiled and exploited by AI, advertisers and Big Data.

Since parent company Talk Liberation's inception, it has grown into a multi-national organisation with nearly 50 staff spanning more than a dozen countries. Talk Liberation remains committed to fostering a safer internet environment, safeguarding users from data exploitation, censorship, and corporate violations of human rights, ensuring that freedom of expression and privacy are upheld in an otherwise increasingly hostile and invasive digital landscape.

As well as developing [Panquake](#), [Talk Liberation](#) is the team behind WLDragnet.com, FREE link shortening and archiving service pnqk.me and upcoming digital marketing dashboard [Lnqk Me](#).

Relevance of Iceland:

There is a long and storied history of banking abuses and protests in Iceland.

Icelandic financial crisis:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008–2011_Icelandic_financial_crisis

Massive Icelandic protests against the banks:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_Icelandic_financial_crisis_protests

Iceland jailed bankers:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2016-03-31/welcome-to-iceland-where-bad-bankers-go-to-prison>

98% of Icelanders voted against bailing out the banks:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_Icelandic_loan_guarantees_referendum

