

The story

The tennis world number one, Novak Djokovic, has won his appeal against the decision to refuse him a visa to enter Australia. A judge in Melbourne ruled he must be immediately released from immigration detention. But the Australian government has told the court it could still exercise its power to cancel the visa.

Djokovic arrived at Melbourne Airport last week to defend his title at the Australian Open, which begins next Monday.

Key words and phrases**quashes**

rejects something officially

- If the judge quashes his sentence, Mike will be allowed to leave prison after three years.
- The protest against the government was quashed by police.

handed (a) reprieve

given cancellation of a punishment

- After new evidence was revealed, she was handed a reprieve and allowed to leave house arrest.
- The company was handed a reprieve from bankruptcy after a new investor came in.

clearing (a/the) path

allowing something to happen or proceed

- After years of being banned, the politician was told she could stand for election again, clearing the path for her to become president.
- The shareholders cleared the path for a takeover after accepting the businessman's offer.