

Most of Trump's charitable tax write-offs

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This month a group of former Canadian diplomats called on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to negotiate a swap of Ms Meng for the two men. Mr Trudeau has previously criticised the use of "arbitrary detention as a tool to achieve political goals" and has said that halting her extradition could place more Canadians at risk. Canada is wary of being seen as pushed into short-circuiting a legal process, and is also conscious that this could risk the ire of the Trump administration, which is set on a tougher line on China. Washington seems unlikely at the moment to drop its case as it fights a multi-pronged offensive against Huawei specifically and China more generally. It is possible the political dynamics could change over time, including after November's US presidential election. But for the moment, Ms Meng's stay in Canada shows no sign of ending soon - or of becoming any less controversial. A senior executive for Chinese communications giant Huawei Technologies will be in a Canadian courtroom Monday arguing her extradition to the U. S. should be halted because her rights have been violated. Canada arrested Meng Wanzhou, the daughter of Huawei's founder and the company's chief financial officer, at Vancouver's airport in late 2018. The U. S. wants her extradited to face fraud charges. Her arrest infuriated Beijing, which sees her case as a political move designed to prevent China's rise. Meng's defense team will argue the extradition proceedings should be halted because they claim Canada Border Services Agency officers detained and questioned Meng without a lawyer, seized her electronic devices and compelled her to give up the passcodes before her official arrest. They also will argue the Royal Canadian Mounted Police acted at the behest of the FBI to gather and share technical information about Meng's laptop, phones and tablets, in violation of the Extradition Act.

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