

No comment from the court was immediately available.

In December 2010, the two credit card companies imposed a ban on payments to WikiLeaks through DataCell, a data hosting service provider that handles WikiLeaks' donation collection.

Visa and MasterCard's move, which was imitated by other companies like the online money transfer service company [PayPal](#), came as the whistleblower website began publishing 250,000 secret diplomatic cables, sparking an international controversy and enraging Washington.

WikiLeaks has also filed complaints in other countries against similar bans, and the [European Commission](#) has opened an investigation into the situation.

WikiLeaks, founded in 2006, leaked classified information about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as classified US diplomatic cables, many of which contained embarrassing revelations and descriptions of foreign officials.

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