

WHO IS JULIAN ASSANGE?

Julian Assange is an Australian journalist and publisher currently in solitary confinement in the maximum security prison of Belmarsh (UK). He risks extradition to the U.S. and up to 175 years in prison for revealing the misdeeds of the U.S. government – and other governments as well. All over the world people are demanding his freedom.



WHY DOES HIS CASE CONCERN US?

In 2006, Julian Assange founded, along with other journalists and activists, the platform WikiLeaks. For the first time, anyone can disclose, in total safety, the facts and information that they come across, and that their government has tried to keep hidden by abusively classifying them as secret. This has permitted us, as ordinary citizens, to discover the real nature of our rulers: their corruption, their lies about their wars, their illicit spying on all of us – right into our cell phones, etc.

The reaction of governments was swift and merciless: judicial persecution, a slander campaign, the attempted closure of WikiLeaks. In June 2012, to avoid being extradited to the U.S. where his fate is sealed, Assange sought political asylum in the Embassy of Ecuador in London. But after seven years, under U.S. government pressure, the new Ecuadorian President revoked Julian's asylum and he ended up in the horrendous Belmarsh prison in London (the British Guantanamo). This coming April 20th, the extradition order will be issued and then it will be up to British Home Secretary Priti Patel to decide whether to countersign it or release Julian. Her decision will be a purely political one.

It is therefore more urgent than ever to mobilize public opinion worldwide to prevent the extradition of Julian Assange. Because at stake is not only the life of one man, "guilty" of being an investigative journalist. **At stake are our very own rights:**

- the right to know what our rulers are really up to and what wrongdoings they commit – otherwise they cannot be held accountable;
- the right to a free press, which Assange's conviction risks putting in jeopardy.

That is why we are demanding FREEDOM FOR JULIAN ASSANGE!
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April 11, 2022: the third anniversary
of Assange's brutal arrest in London.

