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**Second #Unity4J major international online vigil for Julian Assange and WikiLeaks to take place this coming weekend**



High profile transparency advocates from across the political spectrum including John Kiriakou, Kim Dotcom, Lee Camp, Jimmy Dore, Ross Cameron and Cynthia McKinney were among more than two dozen noteworthy speakers at last month's #Unity4J online vigil.

They advocated from their own unique perspectives for the restoration of Julian Assange's rights to visitation, freedom of communication and expression, and ultimately for his release from his arbitrary detention in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London.

The vigil was a great success with over 40,000 viewers on Periscope (<https://www.pscp.tv/Unity4J/1yoKMkoLMNpjQ>), more than 20,000 on YouTube, and some of the great insights from our guests were shared by both the Julian Assange and Wikileaks accounts on social media.

**This July 7-8, even more whistleblowers, political figures, journalists, and activists are joining our second #Unity4J online vigil!**

The vigil will adhere to an extended broadcast schedule throughout July 7th-8th, beginning at: 14:00 UTC, 10:00 EST, 07:00 PST, 15:00 London, 16:00 Berlin, 0:00 (Sun) Sydney, 02:00 (Sun) Auckland.

Organiser Suzie Dawson said: "Julian Assange is effectively in solitary confinement with no end in sight, while facing severe health risks, legal threats and deprivation of his human rights. Julian's situation is dire, tenuous and pressing. In response, each month an ever-growing and diverse group of established public figures combine their reach to spread the word about the urgency of Julian's situation and issue calls to action. They are those whose conscience will not allow them to be silent in the face of the grave injustices inflicted upon a journalist and publisher, and like Julian, they are on the right side of history."

**Spread the word:**

Livestream will be accessible at: <http://unity4j.com/stream>

Event hashtag: #Unity4J

Official website: <http://unity4j.com/>

Official Twitter: @Unity4J

WikiLeaks Legal Defence Fund: <https://justice4assange.com/donate.html>

WikiLeaks support website: <https://iamwikileaks.org>

Courage Foundation: <https://couragefound.org/>

Live-tweets and/or additional content: @Unity4J @Suzi3D

@ElizabethLeaVos @CassandraRules @KimDotcom @InternetPartyNZ

@greekemmy @couragefound @BellaMagnani @primal\_species

@CrowdVBank

Other credible accounts for Julian Assange updates: <https://twitter.com/suzi3d/lists/assange-updates>

MEDIA INQUIRIES: Media inquiries and interview requests should be made to Suzie Dawson, via DM on Twitter: @Suzi3D, or Elizabeth Vos on Twitter via @Elizabethleavos, or by emailing [info@unity4j.com](mailto:info@unity4j.com)

For more background on the recent escalation of grave threats to Julian Assange's life and liberty, we recommend reading the following articles:

Courage Foundation: Assange's protection from US extradition "in jeopardy" <https://www.iamwikileaks.org/2018/05/25/assanges-protection-from-us-extradition-in-jeopardy/>

Did Rep. Adam Schiff Just Admit the US Has a Secret Indictment of Julian Assange? <https://grayzoneproject.com/2018/05/26/did-rep-adam-schiff-just-admit-the-us-has-a-secret-indictment-of-julian-assange/>

Conspiracy emerges to push Julian Assange into British and US hands <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2018/05/16/assa-m16.html>

The UK's Hidden Role in Assange's Detention <https://original.antiwar.com/cook/2018/02/12/uks-hidden-role-assanges-detention/>

Treatment of Assange is unjust, says former Ecuador minister <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/may/16/julian-assange-treatment-irresponsible-ecuador-foreign-minister-guillaume-long>

Ecuador's Ex-President Rafael Correa Denounces Treatment of Julian Assange as "Torture" <https://theintercept.com/2018/05/16/ecuadors-ex-president-rafael-correa-denounces-treatment-of-julian-assange-as-torture/>

Opinion: Ecuador's Solitary Confinement Of Assange Is Torture <https://disobedientmedia.com/2018/04/opinion-ecuadors-solitary-confinement-of-assange-is-torture/>