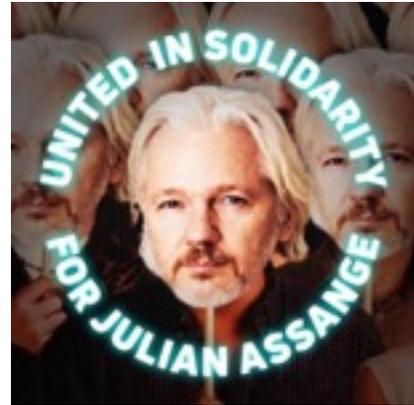


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50 high-profile public supporters of Julian Assange to appear at major international online vigil this coming weekend



This coming Friday 3rd August sees the launch of the third monthly #Unity4J online vigil in support of Julian Assange and WikiLeaks.

To date the groundbreaking, trans-partisan #Unity4J solidarity movement has attracted participation from transparency advocates across the political spectrum including John Kiriakou, Kim Dotcom, Daniel Ellsberg, Lee Camp, Jimmy Dore, George Galloway, Chris Hedges, Ross Cameron and Cynthia McKinney.

Advocating from their own unique perspectives for press freedom and the restoration of Julian Assange's human and asylum rights, this paradigm-smashing supergroup are tirelessly organising for Assange's immediate release from his arbitrary detention in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London.

Past vigils have been a great success, drawing in tens of thousands of viewers across multiple platforms, and receiving shares by official Julian Assange and WikiLeaks accounts on social media.

The vigil will adhere to an extended broadcast schedule, featuring 50 guest speakers and lasting 50 hours, beginning August 3rd at: 23:00 UTC, 19:00 EST, 16:00 PST, 00:00 (Sat) London, 01:00 (Sat) Berlin, 09:00 (Sat) Sydney, 11:00 (Sat) Auckland.

Organizer 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."

The #Unity4J movement has recently expanded, creating a 2,500-strong "non-violent digital army" on a new collaborative public platform, where volunteers interact and advance projects related to the cause, in real time.

That platform is hosted at <https://unity4j.com/discord>

Spread the word:

Event 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

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/assam16.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->

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