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Julian Assange in crisis on eve of fifth #Unity4J online vigil



The isolation of Julian Assange, publisher of WikiLeaks, continues unabated as his lawyers and the former president of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, warn of deepening crisis for the imperiled asylee.

These warnings come on the heel of the appointment of renowned Icelandic journalist Kristinn Hrafnsson as the new editor-in-chief of WikiLeaks – itself an indication of the dire circumstances at hand.

Julian's most high-profile supporters are mobilizing for the fifth #Unity4J online vigil in solidarity with the silenced journalist. Guests include the CIA anti-torture whistleblower John Kiriakou, ex-US House of Representatives member Cynthia McKinney, progressive comedian Graham Elwood and ACLU National Board Member and Radio Host Garland Nixon.

Past vigils in support of this political prisoner have been a great success, drawing in hundreds of thousands of viewers, with the amplification of the official Julian Assange and WikiLeaks social media accounts, as well as Julian's mother, Christine Assange.

The vigil will commence Saturday, October 6th at 10:00am EST (7:00am PST), and will run until 11:00pm EST (8:00pm PST).

The #Unity4J movement invites all supporters of free speech, press freedom and human rights to participate in the historic event

Organizer Suzie Dawson said: "The astounding pace at which this solidarity movement for Julian Assange has grown is indicative of the universal respect and empathy for this generation's greatest publisher. The greater the jeopardy he is placed in by the powers that persecute him, the more motivated and active his everyday supporters and defenders become. Every supporter who rises to protect him, brings our collective hope of justice and freedom one step closer."

Spread the word:

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

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

Official Twitter: [@Unity4J](https://twitter.com/Unity4J)

Event hashtag: #Unity4J

WikiLeaks Legal Defence Fund:

<https://iamwikileaks.org/donate>

WikiLeaks support website: <https://justice4assange.com>

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

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](https://twitter.com/Suzi3D), 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/>

Inter-American Court Decision regarding Asylum Rights
http://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_28_18_eng.pdf

United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention's decision regarding Julian's Plight
<https://justice4assange.com/UN-Working-Group-Decision.html>

Getting Assange: The Untold Story
<http://johnpilger.com/articles/getting-julian-assange-the-untold-story>

Access to medical care, a human right, must also be guaranteed to Julian Assange
<https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2018/06/22/sean-love-access-medical-care-must-guaranteed-julian-assange/>