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**Kim Dotcom To Launch #FreeJulian
Emergency Livestream Roundtable With
Julian Assange's Friends & Supporters**



The day we have all dreaded is upon us. Early this morning, Julian Assange was illegally expelled from the Ecuadorian Embassy in which he has claimed asylum since 2012 and immediately taken into continued arbitrary detention by British police. It is in this trying time that those individuals who value the wellbeing of this generation's bravest and most significant publisher, and the principle of a free press, are swiftly organizing against such injustice.

#Unity4J calls upon all supporters and the general public to take action. An emergency livestream is to begin at 12pm EST (5pm UTC) today, April 11th 2019 at <https://unity4j.com/stream>

This vigil will address the unjust seizure of Julian Assange and how supporters may take action against such injustice and feature numerous high profile supporters of Assange and the free press.

Julian Assange has been constrained as a political refugee within the Ecuadorian Embassy in London for over six years. The United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has ruled Mr. Assange should be immediately freed and compensated. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights has ruled that the UK must facilitate safe passage for him. The actions taken by both Ecuador and UK officials leading up to this event are in obvious contrast to such rulings and are an affront to the principles of justice and press freedom everywhere.

#Unity4J is a global mass movement in solidarity with Julian Assange, created in response to Ecuador's gagging of the publisher. Unity4J has been endorsed by more than fifty high profile activists, journalists, celebrities, academics and former US intelligence officials including Chris Hedges, Jimmy Dore, Ray McGovern, Bill Binney, John Kiriakou, and Daniel Ellsberg.

Take action:

Movement hashtag: #Unity4J

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

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

Contribute directly:

WikiLeaks Legal Defence Fund:

<https://justice4assange.com/donate.html>

WikiLeaks support website:

<https://iamwikileaks.org>

Courage Foundation:

<https://couragefound.org>

Credible accounts for Julian Assange updates:

<https://twitter.com/suzi3d/lists/assange-updates>

Media inquiries and interview requests:

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 and context, we recommend 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-solitary-confinement-of-assange-is-torture/>

Being Julian Assange:

<https://contraspin.co.nz/beingjulianassange>