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Julian Assange: A Timeline of Events



2010
- Apr. WikiLeaks publishes classified material about American military activity in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Aug. Swedish police question Assange about two separate charges of rape and molestation, which he denies
- Nov. Sweden issues international arrest/extradition warrant for Assange
- Dec. Assange presents himself to police in London and is granted conditional bail

2012
- May UK Supreme Court rules that Assange should be extradited to Sweden
- Jun. Assange enters Ecuadorian embassy in London, requesting political asylum
- Aug. Assange granted political asylum by Ecuador

2016
- Feb. UN panel rules that Assange is being "arbitrarily detained"
- Jul. WikiLeaks releases confidential emails from the DNC and the Clinton campaign

2017
- May Swedish authorities drop all investigations into Assange; UK warrant for failing to appear in court still out
- Dec. Ecuador grants Assange citizenship; U.S. indicts Assange under seal for military leaks

2018
- Feb. Westminster magistrates court upholds Assange's arrest warrant for skipping bail

2019
- Apr. Assange is arrested at the Ecuadorian embassy for failing to appear in court, and on behalf of U.S. authorities

2020
- Feb. 117 doctors publish open letter entitled:'End torture and medical neglect of Julian Assange' in *The Lancet* - a renewed call for him to be transferred out of the UK's Belmarsh prison
- Extradition hearing begins at Woolwich crown court, London
- Sep. Assange appears in court facing new indictment with 18 counts, hearings conclude Oct 1

2021
- Jan. Extradition to the U.S. denied due to mental health concerns
- Jul. Ecuador revokes Assange's citizenship
- Dec. The UK High Court rules Assange can be extradited to the U.S.

2022
- Mar. Assange marries his longtime partner and lawyer Stella Moris in the maximum security prison HMP Belmarsh
- Jun. 300 doctors from 35 countries write an open letter to Home Secretary Priti Patel criticizing Assange's "cruel and inhumane treatment";
- Patel signs extradition order to the U.S.

2023
- Jun. Initial appeal against order is dismissed

2024
- May Permission granted to appeal extradition order
- Jun. Julian Assange is unexpectedly released after agreeing to plea deal with the U.S. and returns to his home country Australia

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Sources: Media reports, The Lancet

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