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#Unity4J to hold Emergency Public Meeting; Unveil Non-Violent Digital Action Plan

International media are reporting that WikiLeaks Editor-in-Chief may imminently be handed by Ecuador to UK authorities. (Ref: <https://disobedientmedia.com/2018/07/breaking-possible-hand-over-of-julian-assange-to-the-uk-may-be-imminent/>)



If such an event occurs, it presents an immediate threat to Assange's human rights, asylum rights, liberty and to press freedoms. It would also be in direct contravention to the rulings of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Inter-American Court of human rights, both of which have found in his favour.

The #Unity4J movement in support of Julian Assange and WikiLeaks is holding an emergency public meeting to unveil a plan for mass non-violent action to demand freedom for the journalist and publisher. High profile supporters of Julian Assange will be in attendance and unveil the new strategy.

The vigil will be held in a roundtable format with many guests from previous vigils, and a few new faces as well, who will discuss the current state of Assange's asylum and the future of the #Unity4J movement. Taking place at 23:00 UTC on Saturday (Los Angeles: Sat 16:00 , New York: Sat 19:00, London: Sun 00:00, Berlin: Sun 1:00, Sydney: Sun 9:00, Auckland: 11:00) the vigil will continue for approximately 3 hours.

#Unity4J originated from an unplanned but timely response to injustice when Julian Assange's internet access and visitation rights were abruptly taken away and swiftly grew into high-profile monthly online vigils endorsed by Chris Hedges, George Galloway, Ray McGovern, Bill Binney and Daniel Ellsberg among many other noteworthy figures. It is with that same sense of urgency and duty to take a public stand against oppression that we are organising this Saturday to resist the escalated violations of Julian's basic rights.

"Every time we witness an injustice and do not act, we train our character to be passive in its presence and thereby eventually lose all ability to defend ourselves and those we love."
-Julian Assange

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

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-Assange's-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>