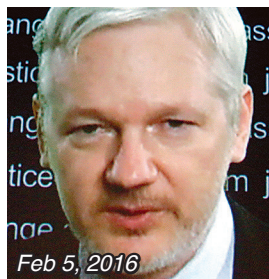


Julian Assange should be set free, says UN



A UN rights working group has found that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been arbitrarily detained by being forced to shelter in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London to avoid arrest

Aug 2010: Swedish Prosecutors issue arrest warrant for Assange, containing one allegation of rape and one of molestation

Dec: Assange arrested in London and bailed on second attempt

May 2012: British Supreme Court rules he should be extradited to Sweden to face his accusers

Jun: Assange enters Ecuadorian embassy in London

Aug: Ecuador grants asylum to Assange, concerned his human rights might be violated if extradited

Aug 2015: Swedish prosecutors drop investigation into allegations of sexual molestation and unlawful coercion because they run out of time to question him. He still faces accusation of rape

Oct: London's Met Police announces withdrawal of officers stationed outside Ecuadorian embassy

Feb 5, 2016: UN panel finds in favour of Assange's claim that he is being arbitrarily detained because he cannot leave embassy without being arrested



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Feb 5, 2016: Assange makes statement from balcony of Ecuador embassy in London

