

# Key dates in the Julian Assange case

The U.S. has moved a step closer to extraditing WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on espionage charges, after senior British judges were assured that U.S. conditions would reduce his risk of suicide



■ **Nov:** Sweden issues European Arrest Warrant for Assange

■ **Dec:** Assange presents himself to UK police and appears at extradition hearing. Granted bail, but must reside in Norfolk

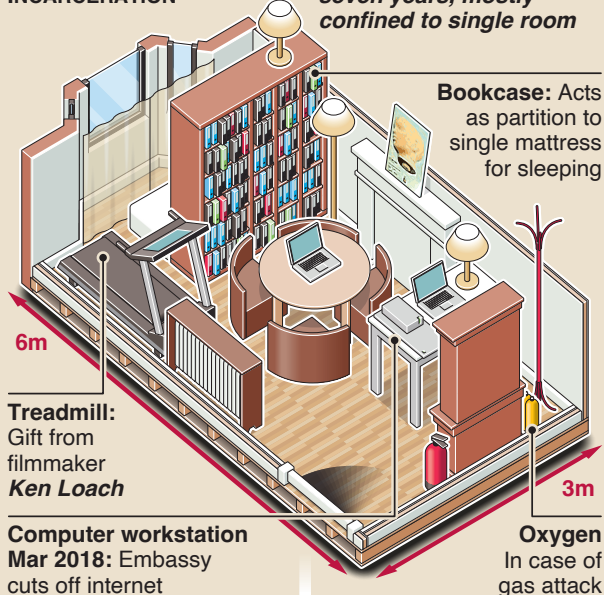
■ **Feb 2011:** UK judge rules Assange should be extradited to Sweden

■ **Nov 2011-May 2012:** Assange loses legal appeals

■ **Jun 19, 2012:** Assange enters **Ecuadorian** embassy in London, requesting political asylum, fearing moves are underway to extradite him to U.S.



## SELF-IMPOSED INCARCERATION



■ **Aug:** Manning sentenced to 35 years in military prison

■ **Aug 2015:** Sweden drops investigations into some sex allegations

■ **Oct 12:** Police end 24-hour presence outside embassy which has cost £12m (\$18m)

■ **Oct 2016:** WikiLeaks publishes hacked **Democratic National Committee (DNC)** emails, to political benefit of presidential candidate **Donald Trump** (below)



■ **Jan 2017:** President **Barack Obama** frees Manning

■ **May:** Sweden drops more sex allegations

■ **Aug:** Assange allegedly offered deal to avoid U.S. extradition in exchange for revealing source of DNC leak (suspected to be **Russian hackers**)

**Assange lives for almost seven years, mostly confined to single room**

■ Assange is arrested by police, dragged from embassy and bundled into waiting van



■ **May 1:** Assange sentenced to 50 weeks in **Belmarsh Prison** for breaching bail conditions set in 2011

■ **Nov 19:** Sweden drops alleged rape investigation



■ **Feb 2020:** Assange faces U.S. extradition hearing over alleged role in Manning leak. Defence argues Assange cannot be handed over for political offences because of 2003 extradition treaty. If found guilty, Assange faces 175 years in prison

■ **Mar:** Assange refused bail amid coronavirus pandemic

■ **Sep:** Assange's extradition hearing resumes at **Old Bailey**

■ **Jan 4, 2021:** Judge blocks extradition request, citing concerns over Assange's mental health

■ **Dec 10:** Senior judges quash lower judge's ruling, after U.S. says Assange would not be put in solitary confinement – reducing risk of suicide



Leaked U.S. helicopter footage of 2007 Baghdad airstrike that killed two Reuters journalists

■ **May:** Manning arrested

■ **Aug:** **Julian Assange** (above top, in 2010) interviewed by police in Sweden following rape and molestation allegations

■ **Sep:** Assange leaves Sweden for London, UK