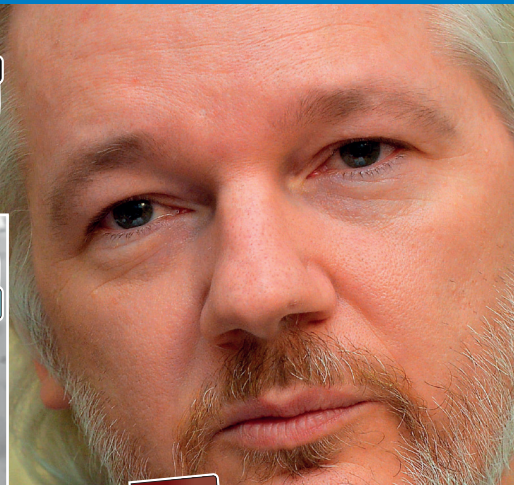


Julian Assange



■ **Jul 3, 1971:** **Julian Assange** is born in Queensland, Australia

■ **1980s:** Gains reputation as computer programmer

■ **2006:** Founders internet-based **WikiLeaks** to publish classified leaks from anonymous sources



■ **Apr 5, 2010:** **WikiLeaks** releases leaked U.S. helicopter video (above) of Baghdad airstrike in 2007 that kills 11 civilians, including two Reuters journalists

■ **Jul-Nov:** WikiLeaks releases some 500,000 secret U.S. files and cables chronicling foreign leaders and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

■ **Nov:** Swedish court orders Assange's arrest over rape allegations, which he denies

■ **Dec:** Assange arrested in UK on European Arrest Warrant, but freed on bail

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

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

■ **Jun 19:** Assange seeks political asylum in London's Ecuadorian embassy



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

■ **Jul 2016:** Wikileaks publishes more than 19,000 hacked **Democratic National Committee (DNC)** emails. Leaks reveal acrimonious split between DNC and **Hillary Clinton's** rival, **Bernie Sanders**.

Democrats claim Russia released emails to help **Donald Trump** (below)



■ **Apr 2019:** Assange spends seven years in embassy before being jailed in London's **Belmarsh** prison (below) for breaching bail conditions.

Medical condition starts deteriorating



■ **May:** U.S. grand jury indicts Assange with 18 counts, 17 based on **Espionage Act**

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

■ **Feb 2020:** Assange faces U.S. extradition hearing. **If found guilty under Espionage Act Assange faces life in prison**

■ **Jan 2021:** UK judge rules Assange cannot be extradited to U.S. due to fears he may take his own life in prison

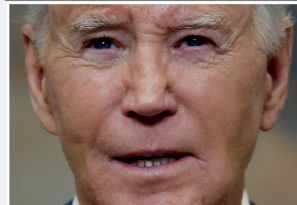
■ **Oct 21:** U.S. begins High Court bid to overturn extradition decision

■ **Jun 17, 2022:** UK home secretary **Priti Patel** (below) approves extradition



■ **Jun 6, 2023:** British High Court rejects latest legal appeal against extradition

■ **Aug:** U.S. considers plea deal that will allow Assange to return to Australia



■ **Nov 8:** Bipartisan group of 16 U.S. lawmakers urges President **Joe Biden** (above) to end extradition of Assange and drop all charges

■ **Feb 20-21, 2024:** Public hearing at High Court. **Two judges will review earlier ruling which refused Assange permission to appeal against extradition**