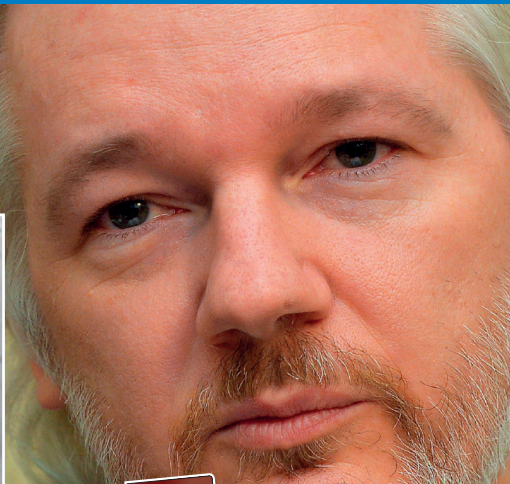


# Julian Assange



■ **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

■ **Apr 2019:** After Ecuador revokes his political asylum, Assange is carried out of embassy and arrested

■ **May 1:** Sentenced to 50 weeks in jail by British court for skipping bail. He completes sentence early but remains in London's **Belmarsh** prison (below) pending extradition hearings



■ **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:** At London's **Old Bailey** court (above), 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

■ **Mar 23, 2022:** Assange marries long-term partner **Stella Moris** (below) – mother of his two children fathered inside Ecuadorian embassy – in prison



■ **Jun 17:** British government approves extradition, prompting Assange to appeal

■ **Jun 2023:** British High Court rules Assange has no legal right to appeal

■ **Feb 20, 2024:** Assange launches final attempt to prevent extradition

■ **Mar 26:** Extradition put on hold when court says U.S. must give assurances that Assange will not face death penalty

■ **May 20:** Court rules Assange can appeal extradition on freedom of speech grounds

■ **June 24:** Assange freed from prison. **Leaves UK (below) after agreeing to U.S. deal that will see him plead guilty to one charge and return home free to Australia**

