



# Albanese, end the illegal torture and imprisonment of Julian Assange or step aside

With 1,200 people employed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, it is hard to believe that Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is unaware of the facts:

- *Julian Assange*, who has won 23 prestigious media awards for his groundbreaking Wikileaks news service, *has broken no British law*;
- not one of Wikileaks' revelations has ever been shown to be untrue; and
- not one life, whether in the US military or elsewhere, has ever been endangered by any of Wikileaks' reporting.

Yet, since 11 April 2019, four-and-a-half years ago, when Julian Assange was illegally arrested inside the London Ecuadorian Embassy, he has been locked away in solitary confinement for more than 23 hours per day.



## What jury would have locked Assange away even for one day?

There is no way that any fairly-selected jury or any judge with any integrity would have kept Assange behind bars even for one night. The only reason it was possible for Assange to have been locked away for so long was for his 'trial' to have been held before the thoroughly corrupt judge Vanessa Barraitser who was under the direct orders of the British government. She made Julian Assange, who has never been accused of violence, appear in court inside a glass box from which he was unable, without being overheard by prosecution barristers, to communicate with his own barristers. He was not allowed to cross-examine the chief prosecution witness, Sigurdur Thordarsson who subsequently admitted his claims - including that Assange had asked him to commit computer intrusion to illegally record conversations amongst members of parliament in a NATO officials - were lies.

Had Assange ever once been permitted due legal process he would, a long time ago, have been free to come back to Australia, had he chosen to, to be with his wife Stella and their two children.

Even during the recent Talisman-Sabre joint military exercises from late July on the central coast of Queensland, both Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong failed to refute lies put them about Julian Assange by US Secretary-of-State Antony Blinken. Blinken claimed, contrary to what had even been admitted in the past by the US government, that thousands of US lives had been put at risk by Assange's journalism.

Had they had by their side, Julian's lawyer Jennifer Robinson, as they should have, as they were supposedly advocating on behalf of Assange, Robinson would have shown up Blinken for the liar that he was with the evidence, even conceded by the US government, that not one US servicemen had ever been endangered by Wikileaks' reporting. Blinken could not then have provided any plausible excuse for his government's monstrous treatment of Assange.

## How you can help

Attend protests for Julian Assange, including the weekly Friday night vigil at 6pm at Flinders Street Station, listen to speakers, make speeches and hand out leaflets.

See also Melbourne Supporters for Julian Facebook page and <https://candobetter.net>