

# Wikileaks founder Julian Assange arrested in London– whistleblower website defiant

Despite Wikileaks founder Julian Assange having been arrested in London at 9:30am, a spokesman for WikiLeaks says the arrest is an attack on media freedom that it won't prevent the organization from spilling secrets on the web.

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Spokesperson Kristinn Hrafnsson

declined to comment on Assange's state of mind prior to the arrest but confirmed he has been in touch with the 39-year-old Australian over the past 24 hours. He affirmed the arrest will not derail the release of more secret

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~~Hrafnsson was reported as assuring media that "this will not change our operation."~~

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WikiLeaks founder was arrested by appointment at 9:30am and is due to appear at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court later on today, London's Metropolitan Police said.

Assange must appear before the Magistrates court before 12.30pm, unless a judge gives permission for a later hearing. It is thought that he is still not aware of the full allegations against him.

He had been hiding out at an undisclosed location in Britain since WikiLeaks began publishing U.S. diplomatic cables last week.

Earlier, Assange's lawyer announced that he arranging to deliver the WikiLeaks founder to British police for questioning in controversial Swedish 'sex-crimes' investigations.

Julian Assange has also angered Washington recently by circulating thousands of US diplomatic cables through his whistle-blower website, WikiLeaks.

His lawyer, Mark Stephens, told reporters in London that the Metropolitan Police had called him to say they had received an arrest warrant from Sweden for Assange. Assange has been staying at an undisclosed location in Britain.

"We are in the process of making arrangements to meet with police by consent," Stephens said Monday, declining to say when Assange's interview with police would take place. Scotland Yard however refused to comment.

The media is widely reporting that the 39-year-old Australian is wanted on suspicion of rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion in Sweden, after Interpol issued an arrest warrant for "sex crimes" - which could lead to his extradition.

But reports are also surfacing that the allegations of "sex crimes" refer to a violation of an obscure Swedish law against having sex without a condom.

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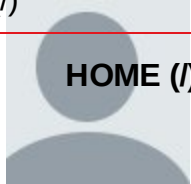
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• This British paper has some interesting information about the alleged crime:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1336291/Wikileaks-Julian-Assanges-2-night-stands-spark-worldwide-hunt.html>



• Professor Michael Seltzer pointed out that the group is led by Carlos Alberto Montaner who is reportedly connected to the CIA. Shamir and Bennett also describe Ardin as a "leftist" who "published her anti-Castro diatribes (see here and here) in the Swedish-language publication Revista de Asignaturas Cubanas put out by Misceláneas de Cuba." Shamir and Bennett noted that Las damas de blanco is partially funded by the US government and also counts Luis Posada Carriles as a supporter. A declassified 1976 document (.pdf) revealed Posada to be a CIA agent. He has been convicted of terrorist attacks that killed hundreds of people. Ardin is "a gender equity officer at Uppsala University – who chose to associate with a US funded group openly supported by a convicted terrorist and mass murderer," FireDogLake's Kirk James Murphy observed. In August, Assange told Al-Jazeera that the accusations were "clearly a smear campaign." "We have been warned that, for example, the Pentagon is planning on using dirty tricks to destroy our work," Assange told the Swedish daily newspaper Aftonbladet. The WikiLeaks founder said he was told to be careful of "sex traps." Had Assange fallen for one of those traps? "Maybe. Maybe not," he said. Catlin observed that both Ardin and Sofia Wilén, the second accuser, sent SMS messages and tweets boasting of their conquests following the alleged "rapes." "In the case of Ardin it is clear that she has thrown a party in Assange's honour at her flat after the 'crime' and tweeted to her followers that she is with the 'the world's coolest smartest people, it's amazing!'" he wrote. "The exact content of Wilén's mobile phone texts is not yet known but their bragging and exculpatory character has been confirmed by Swedish prosecutors. Neither Wilén's nor Ardin's texts complain of rape," Catlin said. Ardin has also published a seven step guide on how to get revenge on cheating boyfriends. When the charges were first leveled in August, Gawker raised doubts that Ardin was working for the CIA. "If anything, Ardin's outing tends to undercut Assange's conspiracy theory that one of his accusers is a major figure on Sweden's left fringe, freewheelingly indiscreet on her personal blog and, until her charges, an enthusiastic promoter of Assange's visit to the country," Gawker wrote. After Interpol issued a digital "wanted" poster for Assange on Monday morning, an unnamed Scotland Yard source reportedly told Press Association it had been given the documents needed for the arrest. Police would not comment on the report publicly. Several British news outlets speculated that Assange could be arrested as early as Tuesday. On Monday evening, Mark Stephens, Assange's London



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Sure, in the "leaks" Hilary and many government officials and diplomats are accused of everything from abusing their positions to being wholly contemptuous individuals, but all of that is distracting gossip fodder for public consumption. Sure, the execution of the Afghanistan war is painted as incompetent and grossly mismanaged. But it's never declared illegal or a criminal enterprise in the "leaks", which is what the actual evidence states it is. This fraud Assange said he has no respect for those who question the government's conspiracy theory behind 9/11, that of a lone zealot in a cave and his foot-soldiers circumventing the most sophisticated security apparatus in the world, supposedly catching us with our pants down, leading to necessary retaliation on Afghanistan and Iraq for their alleged murderous collusion. And that had nothing to do with oil, opium, minerals, precious metals, geo-strategic positioning, or all-around global dominance of the financial-corporate-military-industrial complex. Riiiiight. The real aim here is chaos. Chaos will, in the estimation of the puppetmasters behind Assange, create fear which will lead to consent for more fake wars in the name of the Zionists and the neo-cons. The same way we have just recently manufactured consent in South Korea for an abusive trade policy that they rejected initially, before we deceived them by firing a missile underwater that destroyed one of their vessels. An act that we blamed on North Korea. That led to aggressive rumblings by North Korea, which culminated in their military actually firing missiles at South Korea, killing several people. Believe me, this ain't checkers. It's chess. Read the real guerrilla journalists like David Icke, Wayne Madsen, Jeff Rense, Michael Ruppert, and Jordan Maxwell, just to name a few. The general public has no idea what's really going on. They've bought the lie that those who ask the really uncomfortable hard-hitting questions of our government are traitors and enemies of the state. As long as we continue to ask the wrong questions, our government can continue denying us the truth. Assange is seen as either a saintly rebel or a reckless would-be terrorist, when he is neither. Nothing more than a stooge. He may actually think that he is a hero. But that's how these individuals usually think, oftentimes unaware of who is directing them. It's all a very sophisticated production. Daniel Ellsberg's sainthood is equally a myth. He was an intelligence operative who successfully changed the public perception of blame and accountability for the Vietnam war debacle from the CIA, with their criminal manipulation of intelligence information and propagation of murderous military action in that region, to the armed forces, who for the most part were just following orders. But the public is mostly too busy watching the spectacle of a daughter of an ex-vice presidential candidate and failed ex-governor dancing for a trinket and mindless bragging rights on prime-time TV. They don't call it the idiot box for nothing. As for this supposed sex crime charge, it is a part of the execution of the psy op to "criminalize" the patsy. Just as we did to Oswald. For more info on the fraud that is Wikileaks and Julian Assange go to: [http://blogs.alternet.org/penu...](http://blogs.alternet.org/penu.../)  
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