

Assange: The untold story of an epic struggle for justice

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Walkley Award winner Julian Assange exposed U.S. war crimes via the shocking: 'Collateral Murder' footage. He has been hounded by the U.S. State Department ever since.

With the persecution of Assange about to enter a dangerous stage, [John Pilger](#) has updated his 2014 investigation of the unrelenting campaign, in Sweden and the U.S., to deny Julian Assange justice and silence WikiLeaks.

THE SIEGE of Knightsbridge is both an emblem of gross injustice and a gruelling farce. For three years, a police cordon around the Ecuadorean embassy in London has served no purpose other than to flaunt the power of the state. It has cost £12 million.

The quarry is an Australian charged with no crime, a refugee whose only security is the room given him by a brave South American country. His "crime" is to have initiated a wave of truth-telling in an era of lies, cynicism and war.

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The persecution of Julian Assange is about to flare again as it enters a dangerous stage. From August 20, three quarters of the Swedish prosecutor's case against Assange regarding sexual misconduct in 2010 will disappear as the statute of limitations expires. At the same time Washington's obsession with Assange and WikiLeaks has intensified.

Indeed, it is vindictive American power that offers the greatest threat — as Chelsea Manning and those still held in Guantanamo can attest.

The Americans are pursuing Assange because WikiLeaks exposed their epic crimes in Afghanistan and Iraq: the wholesale killing of tens of thousands of civilians, which they covered up, and their contempt for sovereignty and international law, as demonstrated vividly in their leaked diplomatic cables.

Collateral Murder - Wikileaks - Iraq

WikiLeaks continues to expose criminal activity by the U.S., having just published top secret U.S. intercepts — U.S. spies' reports detailing private phone calls of the presidents of France and Germany, and other senior officials, relating to internal European political and economic affairs.

[#WikiLeaks](#) German FM Presses US Ambassador re Espionage { more at WL: <https://t.co/9fiEmflbek> } VIDEO

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told reporters that the man had been
Faced with this shocking revelation,
U.S. Justice Department officials were
charged with the task of determining
whether the man had committed a
crime under U.S. law. The man
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Assange's extradition would not be granted and he would not
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they afraid of?"

Sweden has questioned forty-four people in the Japanese PM & big corps ahead of [#TPP](#) talks, connection sharing intelligence with police in Australia: <https://t.co/sULKygojvk> [#auspol](#)

— Bean (@SomersetBean) [July 31, 2015](#)
Her role, and that of the Swedish state, is demonstrably political; and for Ny, facing retirement in two years, she must “win”.

In despair, Assange has challenged the arrest warrant in the Swedish courts. His lawyers have cited rulings by the European Court of Human Rights that he has been under arbitrary, indefinite detention and that he had been a virtual prisoner for longer than any actual prison sentence he

might face. The Court of Appeal judge agreed with Assange's lawyers: the prosecutor had indeed breached her duty by keeping the case suspended for years. Another judge issued a rebuke to the prosecutor. And yet she defied the court.

Last December, Assange took his case to the Swedish Supreme Court, which ordered Marianne Ny's boss – the Prosecutor General of Sweden Anders Perklev – to explain. The next day, Ny announced, without explanation,

that she had changed her mind and would now question Assange in London.

In his submission to the Supreme Court, the Prosecutor General made some important concessions: he argued that the coercion of Assange had been *“intrusive”* and that that the period in the embassy has been a *“great strain”* on him. He even conceded that if the matter had ever come to prosecution, trial, conviction and serving a sentence in Sweden, Julian Assange would have left Sweden long ago.

In a split decision, one

Supreme Court judge argued that the arrest warrant should have been revoked. The majority of the judges ruled that, since the prosecutor had now said she would go to London, Assange's arguments had become *“moot”*. But the Court ruled that it would have found against the prosecutor if she had not suddenly changed her mind. Justice by caprice.

Writing in the Swedish press, a former Swedish prosecutor, Rolf Hillegren, accused Ny of losing all impartiality. He described her personal investment in the case as *“abnormal”*

and that she should be replaced.

Having said she would go to London in June, Ny didn't go, but sent a deputy, knowing that the questioning would not be legal under these circumstances, especially as she had not bothered to get Ecuador's approval for the meeting. At the same time, her office tipped off the Swedish tabloid newspaper *Expressen*, which sent its London correspondent to wait outside Ecuador's embassy for "news". The news was that Ny was cancelling the appointment and blaming Ecuador for the

confusion and by implication Assange.

The statute of limitations expires 20 August. What next Marianne Ny?

As the statute of limitations date approaches – August 20 – another chapter in this hideous story will doubtless unfold, with Marianne Ny pulling yet another rabbit out of her hat and the commissars and prosecutors in Washington the beneficiaries. Perhaps none of this is surprising. In 2008, a war on WikiLeaks and on Julian Assange was foretold

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