

Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, The Hague

491,368 signatories as at Aug. 5, 2020

Petition To: Chief Prosecutor Ms Fatou Bensouda
International Criminal Court: The Hague

Petition To: Deputy Prosecutor Mr James Stewart
International Criminal Court: The Hague

Petition To: The Hon. Marise Payne, Senator
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Petition To: The Hon. Scott Morrison, MP
Prime Minister of Australia



Notice To: The Hon. Boris Johnson, MP and all Members Government of the United Kingdom

Dear Ms Fatou Bensouda,

On behalf of 491,368 Signatories that form one of the largest petitions tabled in the history of the Australian Parliament (since 1901), we bring this matter of alleged Crimes Against Humanity for preliminary investigation by the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Instances of state sponsored psychological torture have been determined as occurring in London U.K. by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. This determination was established after assessment of Julian Assange by way of the Istanbul Protocol by a team of specialised medical experts.

Instances of “psychological torture” are determined as “crimes against humanity” as per the 1997 Rome Convention. Specifically the psychological torturing of Julian Assange has been perpetrated in London U.K., by way of a systemic process involving the apparent direction or inferred complicit direction of public officers of the United Kingdom, Sweden, Ecuador and Australia.

On May 31, 2019 United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture or other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Prof. Nils Melzer said after his visit to Belmarsh Prison in London to visit Julian Assange and in the company of two medical experts.

“I am appalled at the sustained and concerted abuse that this man has been exposed to at the hands of several democratic states over a period of almost a decade and I am gravely concerned of the prospect of a possible extradition to the USA. I am worried he would be exposed to a politicised show trial in violation of his human rights”.....

“I went to the prison with two very experienced specialised experts in examining, identifying and documenting symptoms of both physical and psychological torture. We ran medical protocols called the Istanbul Protocol, which are recognised protocols to examine torture victims to have an objective medical assessment. Mr Assange showed all the symptoms that are typical for those exposed to prolonged psychological torture.”

“My assessment is that Mr Assange has been exposed to various forms of cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment that cumulatively have the same effect as psychological torture. Now because Mr Assange’s has been confined to a very controlled environment for about seven year with very little

outside influence it is possible to identify the causal relationship between the medical symptoms and the actual causes of those symptoms with a high degree of certainty.”

“Our conclusions are that; first of all it is the concerted efforts of various states to hand him over to the United States, which is the elephant in the room. That is the one fear he has had since 2010 when he first published large amounts of compromising information about the United States and soon after he was then exposed to a relentless campaign of judicial persecution, I'd say because it is an abuse of the judicial system in order to try to extradite him to the US and get him to be prosecuted for a row of offenses as we have now seen under the Espionage Act.”

“I believe Mr Assange has a credible case and a credible fear that he would not get a fair trial in the USA and he would not be safe and protected from the types of detention and treatment that would violate the convention against torture.”

“Since 2010 he has increasingly been exposed to a public campaign or of public mobbing, vilification and intimidation ranging from deliberate ridicule to insults and upto actually open calls for his assassination and murder. This without the concerned governments ever interfering and trying to protect him for this type of unacceptable threats. All of these elements have contributed to a level of stress and anxiety that would be unbearable for anyone....resulting in what amounts to psychological torture. “

“It is important to see that the Swedish prosecution, the Ecuadorian authorities and also UK Judicial authorities so far have not shown judicial impartiality and objectivity that is required under the rule of law. He has been expelled from the Ecuadorian Embassy without any due process of law and we are talking about the formal lifting of an asylum status and the suspension of his nationality/citizenship which normally would not be done obviously by a president under a unilateral decision. But this should be a court proceeding where the concerned person would have the right to defend themselves. The way the Swedish prosecution has been conducted also shows that Mr Assange was not given the opportunity to defend himself properly against charges of sexual misconduct without at the same time having to expose himself to a possible extradition to the USA, which obviously was not related to the sexual offenses. ...So for 10 years his reputation and credibility and his human dignity have been gravely affected by these allegations and the Swedish Prosecution deliberately prevented him from actually taking an official position against that.”

“Now in the UK courts we have seen a similar type of bias. It was the same day that he was dragged out of the Embassy after more than 6 years and the same day he was pulled into the UK court. He was reportedly given less than 15 minutes with his defence lawyer to prepare a defence. Then in a very short hearing he was convicted of bail violation and the judge even insulted him by calling him a ‘narcissist who can not get beyond himself’. Now as a lawyer, having worked at court myself, I can not imagine how a judge could come to such a conclusion when the defendant didn't say anything else in that hearing other than saying ‘I plead not guilty’”. Source: <https://youtu.be/ErW1taJEPrs>

“Should we extradite to Germany's Hitler someone who has revealed the existence of concentration camps and genocide, regardless to how that information was obtained? I don't think so.” Anne Ramberg, Secretary General Swedish Bar Association comments in relation to the breach of legal principals in the treatment of Julian Assange. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/head-swedish-bar-association-condemns-handling-assange-case-uk-sweden-deplorable/5677741>

Former Australian High Court judge Michael Kirby and Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) says "It is deeply shocking that as a mature democracy in which the rule of law and the rights of individuals are preserved, the UK Government has been silent and has taken no action to terminate such gross and disproportionate conduct by Crown officials. Many countries in the world look to Britain as an example in such matters."

Free Julian Assange, before it's too late: Petition: Brisbane Australia

Nov. 12, 2019, petition tabled in the Australian Senate of the Australian Parliament by Senator Peter Whish-Wilson Greens. <https://twitter.com/SenatorSurfer/status/1194524951044227072?s=20>

Feb. 7, 2020, George Christensen MP LNP & Co Chair of the "Bring Assange Home" Australian Parliamentary Group <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?t=2&v=306278656995310>

Feb. 10, 2020, petition tabling in the House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament, by Andrew Wilkie MP Ind. <https://twitter.com/WilkieMP/status/1226749989738573825?s=20>

Feb. 25, 2020, Zali Steggall MP Ind. said in relation to the government's failures in protecting Julian Assange and the free press https://www.zalisteggall.com.au/zali_steggall_mp_speaks_on

March 7, 2020, Julian Hill MP ALP: Speaks out to free Julian Assange <https://youtu.be/7cXOLAS-dx0>

Oct. 16, 2019 "Julian Assange has suffered enough. It's time to end this geopolitical madness. The man's an Australian. He's not an American. He wasn't in the US when he spoke out about war crimes. Put simply, he must be allowed to return to Australia." Andrew Wilkie MP & Co Chair of the "Bring Assange Home" Australian Parliamentary Group.

<https://twitter.com/WilkieMP/status/1184253581660016640?s=20>

28 January 2020: "Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe—Comprising 324 parliamentarians from the 47 countries of the Council of Europe, speaking for 830 million Europeans The @CoE Assembly, in a resolution on media freedom, declares that the detention and prosecution of @wikileaks founder Julian #Assange "sets a dangerous precedent for journalists" and calls for his prompt release". <http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=28508&lang=en>

Yours Faithfully,

Phillip Adams

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Istanbul Protocol Submitted to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights 9 August 1999 participating Organisations:

Action for Torture Survivors (HRFT) Geneva, Amnesty International London, Association for the Prevention of Torture Geneva, Behandlungszentrum für Folteropfer Berlin, British Medical Association (BMA) London, Center for Research and Application of Philosophy and Human Rights Hacettepe University Ankara, Center for the Study of Society and Medicine Columbia University New York, Centre Georges Devereux University of Paris VIII Paris, Committee against Torture Geneva, Danish Medical Association Copenhagen, Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology University of Colombo, Ethics Department, Dokuz Eylül Medical Faculty Izmir Turkey, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme Gaza, German Medical Association Berlin, Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (HRFT) Ankara, Human Rights Watch New York, Indian Medical Association and the IRCT New Delhi, Indochinese Psychiatric Clinic Boston United States of America, Institute for Global Studies University of Minnesota United States, Instituto Latinoamericano de Salud Mental Santiago, International Committee of the Red Cross Geneva, International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organizations Amsterdam The Netherlands, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) Copenhagen, Johannes Wier Foundation, Amsterdam The Netherlands, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights New York, Physicians for Human Rights Israel Tel Aviv, Physicians for Human Rights Palestine Gaza, Physicians for Human Rights USA Boston, Program for the Prevention of Torture Inter-American Institute of Human Rights San José, Society of Forensic Medicine Specialists Istanbul Turkey, Special Rapporteur on Torture Geneva, Survivors International San Francisco United States, The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) Minneapolis United States, The Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture London, The Trauma Centre for Survivors of Violence and Torture Cape Town South Africa, Turkish Medical Association Ankara, World Medical Association Ferney-Voltaire France.

<https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/files/training8Rev1en.pdf>