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London, July 22 (RHC)-- Stella Assange, wife of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, thanked Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador for interceding for her husband before U.S. President Joe Biden.

"I am deeply grateful to President @lopezobrador for advocating for Julian before @POTUS," Stella wrote on her Twitter account. The Australian journalist's partner also considered it urgent that other world leaders join the call made by the Mexican president to his U.S. counterpart during a meeting at the White House.

International pressure achieved the release of (Nelson) Mandela. The time is now to press for Biden to put an end to this madness, Stella added.

López Obrador revealed last Monday that he left a letter to the U.S. president, in which he explained that Assange did not commit a serious crime, did not cause anyone's death, and did not violate any human right, so detaining him meant a permanent affront to freedom of expression and people's freedom.

The Mexican president added that he reaffirmed to his U.S. counterpart his willingness to offer asylum to the Australian journalist, who has been locked up in a London jail since 2019, waiting for the British justice system to decide on his extradition to the northern country.

The United States intends to try the founder of WikiLeaks for making public war crimes committed by US military in Iran and Afghanistan, and other secrets of US diplomacy.

Assange appealed to the High Court in London earlier this month the decision by British Home Secretary Priti Patel to hand him over to the United States, where he could face up to 175 years in prison.

The case passed into Patel's hands after the same court accepted last April the appeal of U.S. prosecutors against the decision of a first instance judge, who refused to extradite him due to his fragile mental health.

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