

Julian Assange supporters to surround British Parliament on Saturday

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London, October 5 (RHC)-- The Campaign Against the Extradition of Julian Assange to the United States redoubled the call for supporters of the WikiLeaks founder to surround the British Parliament on Saturday to demand his release.

According to the organizers of the protest, about four thousand people already responded to the call spread through social networks, and replicated by different personalities around the world. "We need your help to be part of this huge protest in support of Julian Assange and freedom of the press," says the call to form a human chain around the Palace of Westminster, in central London.

In a video released by WikiLeaks, U.S. filmmaker Oliver Stone urged everyone in London on Saturday to take a few hours of their time and come out in defense of a man, he said, who gave everything for his principles.

"Julian Assange is an extraordinary human being who thinks and acts according to his conscience, so all of us who care about freedom and the right to dissent should express our shame and anger at the warmongering nations that prefer to hide war crimes and persecute the messenger," he said.

British rapper Lowkey considered the Australian journalist, whom the United States intends to try for exposing in WikiLeaks murders committed by U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and other secrets of Washington's diplomacy, to be a hero of the international peace movement.

Assange has been held in a British maximum security prison since his arrest at the Ecuadorian embassy in London in April 2019, pending a ruling by the UK judiciary on the appeal filed by his lawyers against the extradition order issued last July by the then-Home Secretary, Priti Patel.

If extradited to the United States, the Australian journalist could be sentenced to 175 years in prison, based on the 17 charges of alleged violations of the U.S. espionage law against him.

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