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Over a dozen #HandsOffAssange protests have been planned in solidarity around the world.

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Over 3,500 people have signed up to form a human chain around British Parliament on Saturday in support of Julian Assange.

More than 3500 people have already pledged to form a human chain to surround parliament in support of Julian Assange on October 8th <u>#SurroundParliament</u> <u>#FreeAssangeNOW</u> <u>#HumanChain</u>

Pledge to join now: <u>https://t.co/zg2EJRXoCl</u>
#SurroundParliamentAssange pic.twitter.com/plWsPzqzvR

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Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, has now spent more than three years in London's HM Prison Belmarsh maximum security prison while fighting extradition to the United States.

He is awaiting word on whether he can proceed with his legal fight.

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On Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 1 pm, thousands of supporters will join hands in London to create a <u>Free Assange Human Chain</u> around British Parliament.

As part of a global campaign for Julian's release, over a dozen <u>international actions</u> have been planned in solidarity, with U.S.-based supporters <u>holding a rally</u> at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC featuring several <u>high-profile</u> <u>speakers</u>.

Actions are also planned for Melbourne, Denver, San Francisco, Rio de Janeiro, Ottawa, and Tulsa with more expected to be announced.



The D.C. protesters will be calling on Attorney General Merrick Garland to drop the charges against Julian Assange while also denouncing the U.S. government's campaign against Assange as supporters around the world demand <u>Hands Off</u> <u>Assange!</u>

The legal matter is in a crucial phase according to John Rees,

who is helping to organize the event.

According to Bloomberg, Rees <u>told</u> the PA news agency: "We need to redouble our efforts to persuade the UK Parliament to intervene and halt Julian's extradition."

International Federation of Journalists leaders call to free Julian Assange whose prosecution is "a threat to all journalists" @IFJGlobal #FreeAssangeNOW <u>https://t.co/EzaGk9rFkF</u> pic.twitter.com/3H5xhph5jj

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The demand for U.S. President Joe Biden to abandon Assange's extradition case is being voiced by an increasing number of human rights groups, journalist organizations, legislators, politicians, and other campaigners.

+2000 journalists have a signed a statement in support of <u>#WikiLeaks</u> Julian Assange: "If the US government can extradite Assange for this, it will clear the way for governments to criminalize any of us, anywhere in the world" Sign: <u>https://t.co/Ut0DznJSpt</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/v20hZjhpw0</u>

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On Saturday, October 1, Assange supporters held a <u>tweet storm</u> across Twitter and other social media platforms drawing attention to Assange's situation and the upcoming protests.

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Join in and help us spread the word about our upcoming <u>#HandsOffAssange</u> rally in DC on Oct 8th where we will <u>#SurroundDOJ</u> and demand they <u>#FreeAssangeNOW</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/UFogo3WOFp</u>

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