

British Prime Minister Urges Julian Assange to Leave Ecuadoran Embassy



London, February 11 (RHC)-- British Prime Minister David Cameron says the WikiLeaks Founder Julian Assange should leave the Ecuadoran embassy in London and bring to an end the "whole sorry saga." Cameron told British lawmakers that Assange "should come out of that embassy and face the arrest warrant that is against him."

WikiLeaks founder faces a rape allegation in Sweden, but has not been formally charged. He is only wanted for questioning. A Swedish prosecutor said that she still aims to question Assange at the embassy over the rape allegation. In a statement, Marianne Ny said she has decided to go ahead with the questioning despite a UN report condemning Stockholm for his "arbitrary detention."

Assange sought refuge in the Ecuador's embassy in June 2012 after Swedish authorities issued a European warrant for his arrest over a 2005 rape allegation. Assange has refused to travel to Stockholm for questioning amid fears Sweden will extradite him to the US over WikiLeaks' release of 500,000 secret military files on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention ruled last week that Assange's confinement to the embassy in London amounted to an arbitrary detention by Sweden and Britain. Stockholm and London rejected the findings.

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