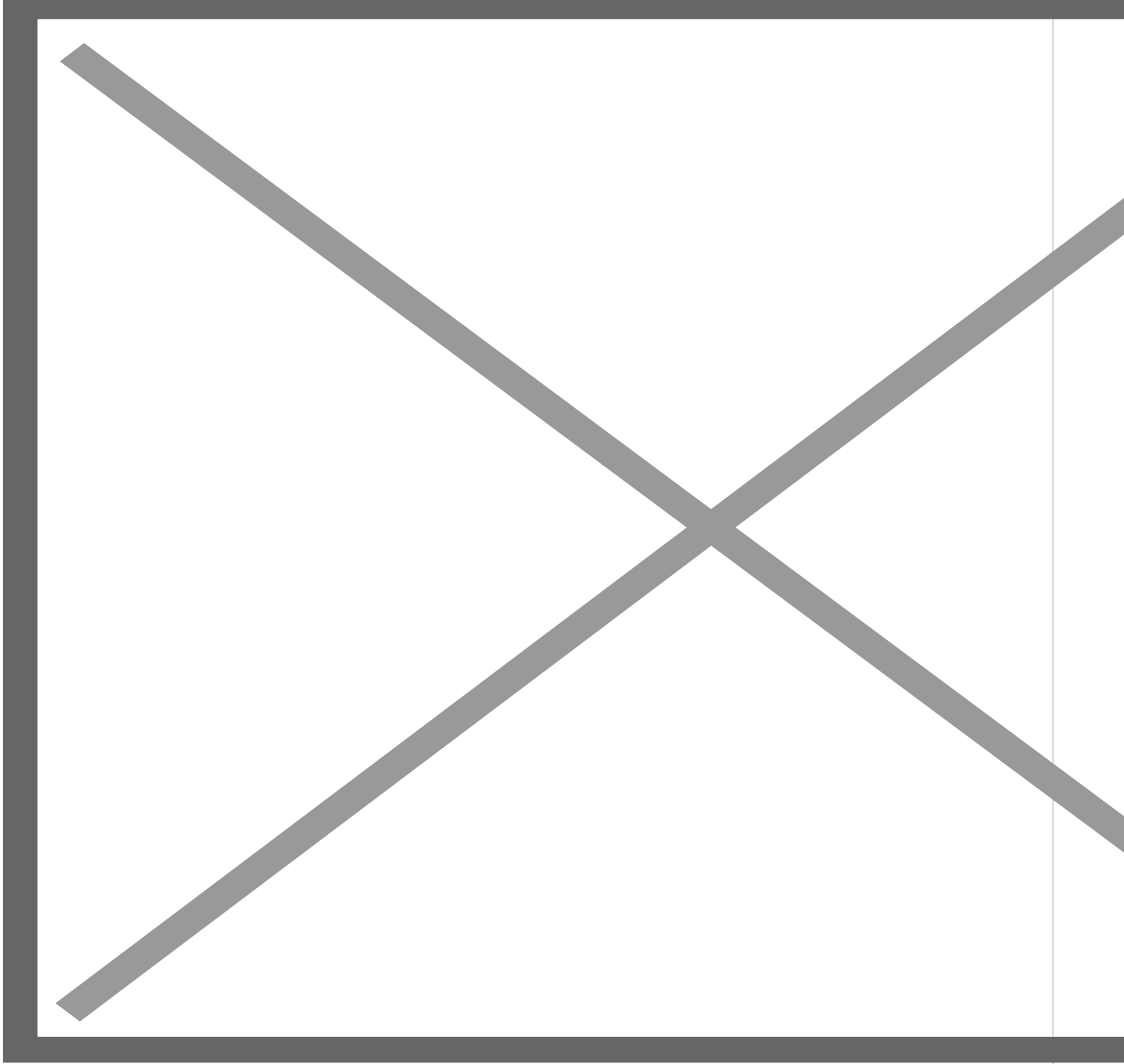


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London, September 25 (RHC)-- Mobilizations have taken place recently in London for the immediate release of Julian Assange and against his extradition to the United States.

The most numerous was the "Free Assange" bicycle tour, during which about a hundred cyclists rode through the center of London, ending their tour at the Royal Court of London, where they received the

Walkley Award, an Australian prize awarded to Julian Assange for his excellence and courage in defense of free journalism. This award was symbolically collected by his representative Craig Murray, former UK Ambassador to Uzbekistan.

In his speech in front of the (closed) doors of the Royal Court of London, Craig Murray warned that going ahead with the extradition procedure of the journalist founder of WikiLeaks to the United States would mean an irreparable attack on freedom of expression worldwide and would bring about a general mobilization of all journalism professionals against a British justice system that only serves the despicable political and military interests of the U.S.A. (read United Svastics of America). "The United States believes it can claim any citizen of any country in the world for violating its laws," Murray warned, "and we are here to show them that it cannot do so in the United Kingdom, even with the complicity of the British judiciary.

Murray also urged the Australian government to support all the mobilizations taking place around the world in defense of the freedom of expression that Julian Assange stands for. Its Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese (of the Australian Labor Party), maintains his opposition to the persecution of the WikiLeaks co-founder, although for the moment Albanese has declared that, because of his relations with the American "führer" Joe Biden - with respect to the support given by America to Zelensky's Nazi regime -, he does not intend to adopt a more committed position with respect to the Julian Assange case. Significantly, since the "Trump era" - and now because of the war in Ukraine - more than 60 percent of the Australian population holds an unfavorable opinion of the U.S. government.

Julian Assange has been incarcerated for more than four years in the high-security Belmarsh Prison southeast of London. His health, both physical and mental, is deteriorating with each passing day in prison and, if extradited to the U.S., he would be sentenced to life imprisonment on charges of having revealed secrets about the dirty war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the violation of human rights systematically committed by its "marines" and the terrorism practiced by U.S. troops against defenseless populations. Assange is awaiting the outcome of his appeal against extradition to the U.S. before the High Court of Justice in London.

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