

Cooped up in an embassy

Julian Assange, the Australian founder of WikiLeaks, spent more than six years in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London to avoid being arrested.

- July 2010**
World media publishes 70,000 classified documents released by WikiLeaks on the US-led coalition's operations in Afghanistan
- October- November**
Publication of 400,000 documents on the US invasion of Iraq and 250,000 US diplomatic cables
- Nov 18**
Sweden issues European arrest warrant against Assange for alleged sexual assault
- Dec 7**
Assange turns himself in to British police
- February 2011**
British judge rules Assange can be extradited to Sweden. Assange fears he will be sent on to the US, where he risks a death sentence.
- January 2018**
Ecuador seeks mediator to resolve "untenable" situation
- December**
Assange receives Ecuadoran citizenship
- May 2017**
Sweden closes sexual assault case
- February 2016**
UN working group finds he has been "arbitrarily detained"
- June 19, 2012**
He takes refuge in Ecuadorian Embassy in London
- February**
Britain reaffirms arrest warrant for jumping bail in 2012
- March**
Ecuadorian government cuts his Internet access
- November**
US prosecutors accidentally disclose existence of sealed indictment against him
- April 2, 2019**
Ecuador says he has "repeatedly violated" conditions of his asylum at the embassy

BELOW: A still from a video shows Julian Assange (with white beard) being removed from the Ecuadorian Embassy in London yesterday.

