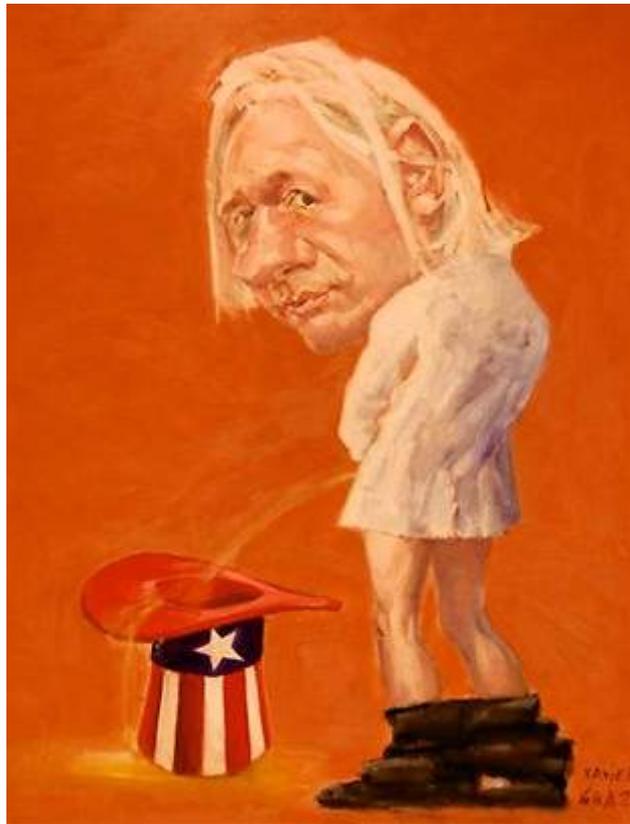


## Buying Assange's Arrest

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*White haired Aussie Julian Assange, perhaps more than any other individual alive is detested by the American Deep State that manically pursues his arrest and extradition in order to crucify the arrogant Aussie and hold him up as a 'slain' spectacle to others that may think they are able to compromise the OVERTLY criminal USA. And so Ecuador's new president has been bought by those interests that spare no expense when it comes to Assange's arrest/crucifixion. Quite CLEARLY sudden large US purchases of Ecuadorian oil are odd in view of history, if Assange's arrest and Moreno's compliant corruption are not taken into account. The cat is out of the bag. Which should galvanise support for beleaguered, Julian Assange, though that is a pipedream considering the mass media induced stupor of western populations.*



*I'm afraid that it's almost a done deal, notwithstanding unlikely popular support the likes of which haven't been seen since MLK's civil rights march on Washington that Assange, with eyes wide open, is all but finished. Breaking ANONYMITY, the hacker's cardinal rule, comes at a very high price when you take on the most corrupt criminal State in the WORLD. Let that be a lesson for emerging, exceptional cyber warriors.*

*Nevertheless, the fight goes on and if America imagines that it is able to stem the flow of cyber exposures and cyber interventions, dream on. I/we can assure the mass murdering bastards in the shadow government that a response from the cyber underground, **the only effective opposition force today**, would be dramatic and crippling, which may present an irresistible opportunity for*

*enemies of the American State. So be advised murdering, Deep State morons, it ain't over till it's OVER. And you geriatric imbeciles thought it would be so simple.*

*Assange has made it widely known that the USA (and its allies) have a very SOFT underbelly, and regardless of his foolish self-induced fate, he has offered proof and verification that the USA is EASILY compromised and subverted. So do your evil best and throw a match on the tinder by unjustly victimising and persecuting Assange.*

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Speaking in Madrid on Friday, Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno told an audience that WikiLeaks founder and editor-in-chief Julian Assange would need to leave Ecuador's London embassy "eventually." Moreno offered no time-table for Assange's possible exit, which several sources just last week asserted could take place within "weeks" or even "days." Assange has spent over six years in the embassy after being granted political asylum by Ecuador in 2012.

However, Moreno asserted that Assange's "departure [from the embassy] should come about through dialogue." He went on to state that "for a person to stay confined like that for so long is tantamount to a human rights violation" and affirmed his commitment to reach a resolution to Assange's situation that did not "pose a danger" to the journalist's life.

Moreno's sincerity in his concern for Assange's "human rights" is dubious at best, given that on March 27, Moreno cut off Assange's access to the internet and all visitors — aside from his legal team. Former Ecuadorian president Rafael Correa — who originally granted Assange's request for asylum in 2012 — denounced the restriction on Assange's visitors as "basically torture" and a "clear violation of his rights," adding that "without communications to the outside world and visits from anyone, the [Ecuadorian] government is basically attacking Julian's mental health." The official reason for Assange's isolation, given by the Moreno-led government at the time, was to prevent Assange from "interfering in the affairs of other sovereign states."

Thus, Moreno's concern for the WikiLeaks editor's "human rights" might easily be mistaken for an attempt to deflect recent criticism that has accused him of acquiescing to U.S. demands that Ecuador revoke Assange's asylum and evict him from the embassy. Indeed, the U.S. has sought Assange's extradition from the U.K. to the United States to face charges of espionage and treason for years, and this very effort was the impetus behind Assange's receipt of asylum in Ecuador's London embassy.

Moreno's recent statements continue to add to the speculation that Ecuador will soon give in to those U.S. demands, particularly given the increasing pressure the Trump administration has placed on Ecuador regarding Assange's situation. According to some reports, the U.S. has threatened to block an International Monetary Fund loan to Ecuador over the Assange case. In addition, over the last two weeks, the U.S. has imported a record amount of Ecuadorian oil, leading to speculation that a deal or pay-off may have been made to ensure Moreno's cooperation with Washington's long-standing

efforts to have Assange arrested and extradited.

If Moreno does give in to U.S. demands, he will be rejecting not only his nation's sovereignty but also the rights of all Ecuadorian citizens, given that Assange became a citizen of Ecuador this past January. Were Assange anyone else, the Ecuadorian government would be forced to act to remedy his situation and protect him from extradition in order to, at the very least, maintain appearances. However, Assange is no "normal" individual in this sense: his arrest is a "priority" to the U.S. government, which is now seeking to maximize pressure to extradite Assange while his protected status is at its weakest.

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