

## Assange Sentenced in UK

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*Assange has been given almost the maximum sentence in the UK for jumping bail, one year. All appeals for leniency were predictably ignored by the British judge as this sentence would give ample time for Swedish and American legal representatives to mount their own cases against Assange. Indeed, there is no doubt whatsoever that justice has not been served -- Assange's tribulations have only just begun. Courts are only lawful, legal and serve the people when impartial and you could smell partiality from Sydney Australia.*

A British judge has sentenced WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to 50 weeks in prison for jumping bail in 2012.

Judge Deborah Taylor said Wednesday that Assange merited near the maximum sentence of one year because of the seriousness of his offense.

She rejected his claim for leniency based on the nearly seven years he spent in the Ecuadorian Embassy.

The white-haired Assange stood impassively with his hands clasped while the sentence was read. His supporters in the public gallery chanted "Shame on you" at the judge as Assange was led away.

Assange sought asylum in the South American country's London embassy in June 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he was wanted for questioning over rape and sexual assault allegations.

Earlier, his lawyers argued that he had jumped bail because he was a "desperate man" fearing extradition to the United States.

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