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13.00 -14.30 (Euro time) Thursday 15 September

The Assange Documents

Freedom of expression activist and Wikileaks CEO Julian Assange is incarcerated in Belmarsh high security prison in London, UK. The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture is alarmed by the lack of due process and his deteriorating health and symptoms of torture. We have invited 5 experts to look at the role and responsibilities of Sweden and UK in this.

Jurist and author

Jesús Alcalá

Report from a comprehensive review of the Assange Documents

Alcalá will present key findings from his review of thousands of pages from the pretrial documents obtained from the Swedish and British prosecuting authorities, i.a. on the cooperation between the two during the almost 10-year old of case against Assange.

United Nations' Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and Professor of International Law

Nils Melzer

has reported to the Swedish government that Assange shows symptoms of comprehensive torture and that the Swedish government must share responsibility for the incarceration of Assange in UK and holds a key to his release. The Swedish authorities have refused to comment on these accusations by United Nations of 12 September 2019.

Jurist and politician, former candidate for President of France

Eva Joly

will comment on the Swedish authorities' treatment of Julian Assange, their refusing to respond to the grave accusations against them by the United Nations and the press' lack of engagement for Assange' right to freedom of expression and against war crimes he disclosed.

Chair of Norwegian PEN

Kjersti Løken Stavrum

heads Norway's arguably most prominent Freedom of Expression institution. She holds that the fight to free Julian Assange from Belmarsh prison is not only a fight for freedom of expression but also a defense for democracy in our countries.

Publicist and former editor of Sweden's daily Dagens Nyheter for a number of years Arne Ruth

Initiated the campaign «SetJulianFree.org» addressing the Swedish government's role and Swedish media's subsequent lack of engagement for Assange and Freedom of Expression.