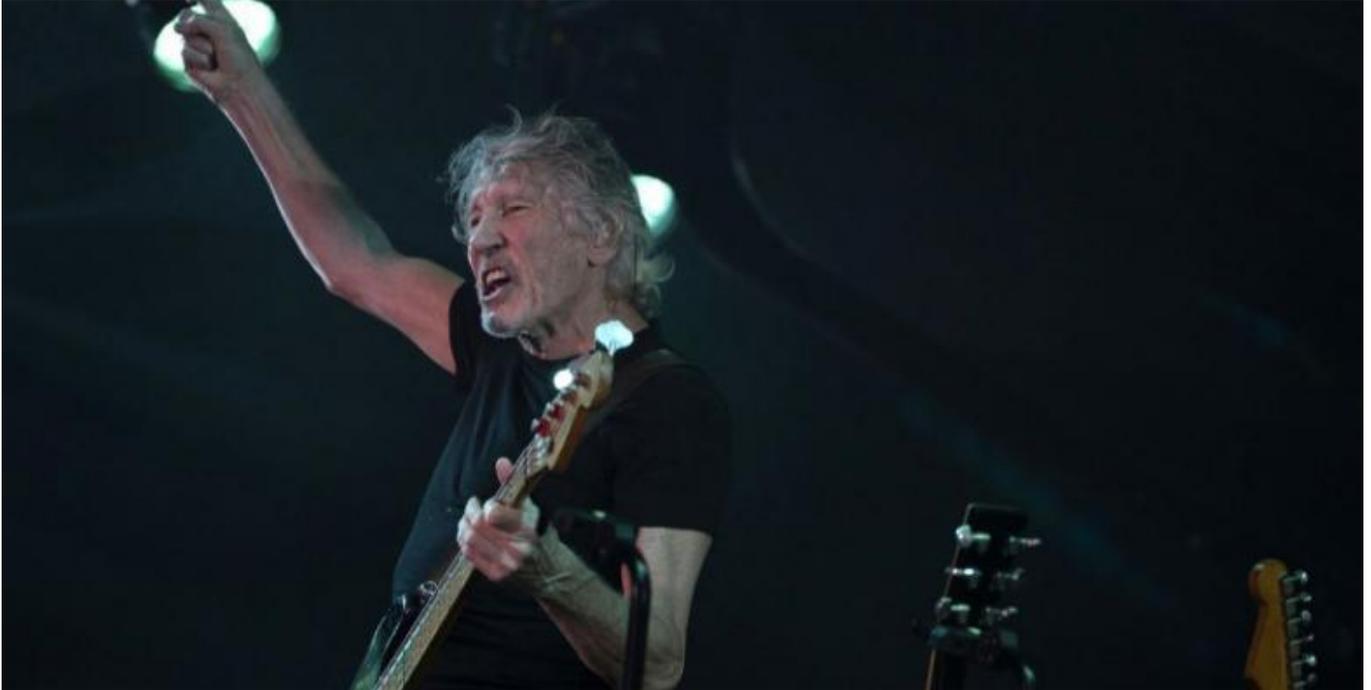

'Julian's situation is dire': Roger Waters issues rallying cry for Assange asylum in Australia

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Pink Floyd-founder and political activist Roger Waters has endorsed upcoming political demonstrations in support of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to take place in March in the latter's native Australia.

Waters, 75, decried Assange's almost seven-year imprisonment in the Ecuadorian embassy in London as "*dire*" while referring to the publisher as "*a national treasure...of immense influence and significance on the world stage.*"

Pro-Assange rallies are scheduled to be held in Sydney on March 3 and in Melbourne on March 10.

[@PinkFloyd](#) co-founder [@RogerWaters](#) releases statement calling to [#FreeAssange](#), calls for demonstrations in Australia on March 3 and March 10 [https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2019/02/11/rwed-f11.html#disqus_thread ...](https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2019/02/11/rwed-f11.html#disqus_thread...)

In the letter to Australia's Socialist Equality Party, Waters labelled Assange a “*real hero*” while praising the Wikileaks founder for his work exposing misdeeds by western governments adding that he, “*scares the sh*t out of them.*”

There are widespread fears among the activist community that Assange would be extradited to the US for leaking thousands of classified documents relating to US activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, should he step outside the embassy.

[_Also on rt.com 'Wish You Were Here': Roger Waters displays pro-Assange message at Berlin gig \(PHOTOS\)...](#)

Waters continued that WikiLeaks “*helped expose to the world the hidden machinations of the real criminals in our society: the oligarchs, who in their insatiable quest for more and more wealth, would destroy the planet we call home.*”

He further asserted that Assange needs protection from “*unwarranted and illegal attacks*” from Western governments “*determined to destroy*” him. He also took aim at Ecuadorian President Lenín Moreno whom he claimed is “*showing himself to be more susceptible to insidious US pressure.*”

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Waters has been heavily involved in political activism for many years and is a known advocate for Palestinian human rights, as well as a critic of US imperialism and intervention in foreign conflicts, recently referring to the recent affairs in Venezuela as “*Trump's coup.*”