

WikiLeaks’ Assange arrested in London, charged in US

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LONDON — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was forcibly bundled out of the Ecuadorian Embassy in London and into a British police van today, setting up a possible court battle over attempts to extradite him to the U.S. to face charges related to the publication of tens of thousands of secret government documents.

Police arrested Assange after the South American nation revoked the political asylum that had given him sanctuary for almost seven years. Ecuador’s President Lenin Moreno said he took the action due to “repeated violations to international conventions and daily life.”

In Washington, the Jus-

tice Department accused Assange with conspiring with former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning to break into a classified government computer at the Pentagon. The charge was announced after Assange was taken into custody.

His lawyer said Assange would fight extradition to the U.S.

Assange took refuge in the embassy in 2012 after he was released on bail in Britain while facing extradition to Sweden on sexual assault allegations that have since been dropped. He refused to leave the embassy, fearing arrest and extradition to the U.S. for publishing classified military and diplomatic cables through WikiLeaks.

Over the years, Assange used the embassy as a stag-



Victoria Jones/PA
Julian Assange gestures as he arrives at Westminster Magistrates’ Court in London.

ing post to keep his name before the public, frequently making appearances on its tiny balcony, posing for pictures and reading statements. Even his cat became well-known.

But his presence was an embarrassment to U.K. authorities, who for years kept a police presence around the clock outside the embassy, costing taxpayers millions in police over-

time. Such surveillance was removed years ago, but the embassy remained a vocal point for his activities.

Video posted online by Ruptly, a news service of Russia Today, showed several men in suits pulling Assange out of the embassy and loading him into a police van while uniformed British police formed a passageway. Assange sported a full beard and slicked-back gray hair.

He later appeared in Westminster Magistrates’ Court, where District Judge Michael Snow wasted no time in finding him guilty of breaching his bail conditions, flatly rejecting his assertion that he had not had a fair hearing and a reasonable excuse for not appearing.

“Mr. Assange’s behavior is that of a narcissist who cannot get beyond his own selfish interests,” Snow said. “He hasn’t come close to establishing ‘reasonable excuse.’”

Assange waved to the packed public gallery as he was taken away to the cells. His next appearance was set for May 2 via prison video-link in relation to the extradition case.

Assange’s attorney, Jennifer Robinson, said he will fight any extradition to the U.S., adding that his arrest set a dangerous precedent for journalists in the United States.

Speaking in Parliament, British Prime Minister Theresa May said the arrest shows that “no one is above the law.”



Chris Machian/Omaha World-Herald
Ice forms on a calf at a ranch outside of Kilgore, Neb.

‘Bomb cyclone’ snow, wind making travel dangerous in Midwest

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**
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A storm system known as a “bomb cyclone” slowly churned through the U.S. interior today for the second time in a month, unleashing a blizzard in parts of the Midwest while creating hazardous fire conditions farther south.

As much as 18 inches of snow has fallen in parts of South Dakota, where Gov. Kristi Noem has closed state offices in much of the state for a second day as heavy snow and strong winds make travel conditions dangerous.

Whiteout conditions were reported in northwest Kansas and western Nebraska, where the Department of Transportation closed several highways this morning. Schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul were among hundreds that closed in Minnesota, where as much as 2 feet of snow is expected by Friday.

The Minnesota State Patrol said it has responded

to more 200 crashes statewide since Wednesday.

The storm knocked out power Wednesday to thousands of homes and businesses in South Dakota, disrupted air and ground travel from Colorado to Minnesota, and threatened to swell rivers in the Midwest that flooded after March’s drenching.

Both storms are known as a “bomb cyclone,” a weather phenomenon that entails a rapid drop in air pressure and a storm strengthening explosively, according to David Roth, a forecaster at the National Weather Service’s Weather Prediction Center in Maryland.

The latest storm’s impacts are likely to be similar to last month’s storm, Roth said. That blast dropped heavy snow and led to massive flooding in the Midwest that caused billions of dollars in damage in Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota.

“Hopefully this time it will be a slow snowmelt,” Roth said.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

White man arrested in fires at 3 black churches in Louisiana

OPELOUSAS, La. — Each church catered to an African American congregation. Each graced a rustic, country setting. Each fronted a small cemetery. And each is now a charred disaster scene, the result of three conflagrations that brought echoes of civil rights-era violence to Opelousas, a city of about 16,000 people in rural St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

Today brought news of an arrest.

At a news conference, Gov. John Bel Edwards identified the suspect as Holden Matthews, a 21-year-old white man. He faces three counts of simple arson of a religious building on the state charges, said state Fire Marshal Butch Browning, who added that federal investigators also were looking into whether hate motivated the fires.

St. Landry Sheriff Bobby Guidroz confirmed that Matthews is the son of a deputy. Guidroz said the father knew nothing of his son’s involvement and broke down over the arrest, which he helped facilitate by getting Matthews away from home.

Sudan’s military overthrows president amid bloody protests

CAIRO — Sudan’s military overthrew President Omar al-Bashir today amid increasingly bloody protests over his repressive 30-year rule and the deteriorating economy. But pro-democracy demonstrators were left angry and disappointed when the defense minister announced the armed forces will govern for the next two years.

Al-Bashir’s fall came just over a week after protests in Algeria forced the resignation of that North African country’s long-ruling, military-backed president, Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

Together, the developments represent a second generation of street protests eight years after the Arab Spring uprisings that ousted a number of long-entrenched leaders around the Middle East. But like those popular movements of 2011, the new ones face a similar dynamic — a struggle over the aftermath of an autocrat’s removal.

Avenatti charged with embezzlement, fraud, cheating on taxes

LOS ANGELES — Attorney Michael Avenatti has been charged in a 36-count federal indictment alleging he stole millions of dollars from clients, did not pay his taxes, committed bank fraud and lied in bankruptcy proceedings.

Avenatti, 48, was indicted late Wednesday by a Southern California grand jury on a raft of additional charges following his arrest last month in New York on two related counts and for allegedly trying to shake down Nike for up

to \$25 million.

The attorney best known for representing porn actress Stormy Daniels in lawsuits against President Donald Trump said today on Twitter that he will plead not guilty to the California charges.

The new charges do not include the New York extortion case alleging Avenatti demanded millions to stay quiet about claims he planned to reveal about Nike paying high school players.

Barr says he thinks ‘spying’ occurred against Trump campaign

WASHINGTON — Attorney General William Barr declared he thinks “spying did occur” against Donald Trump’s presidential campaign, suggesting the origins of the Russia investigation may have been mishandled, in remarks that aligned him with the president at a time when Barr’s independence is under scrutiny.

Barr, appearing before a Senate panel on Wednesday, did not say what “spying” may have taken place but seemed to be alluding to a surveillance warrant the FBI obtained on a former Trump associate. He later said he wasn’t sure there had been improper surveillance but wanted to make sure proper procedures were followed. Still, his remarks give a boost to Trump and his supporters who insist his 2016 campaign was unfairly targeted by the FBI.

Barr was testifying for a second day at congressional budget hearings that were dominated by questions about special counsel Robert Mueller’s Trump-Russia investigation. His statements further inflamed Democrats already frustrated by Barr’s handling of the Mueller report, including his release of a four-page summary letter last month that they say paints the special counsel’s findings in an overly favorable way for the president. The attorney general said he expects to release a redacted version of Mueller’s report on Russian interference in the campaign next week.

Mnuchin postpones decision on handing over Trump tax returns

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department has missed a deadline to deliver President Donald Trump’s tax returns to the House Ways and Means Committee chairman. It’s another early step in a battle between the Trump administration and congressional Democrats over access to Trump’s business and financial dealings, with the dispute likely to end up in court.

In a letter to Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said his department hasn’t decided whether to comply with the lawmaker’s demand and will consult with the Justice Department and “carefully” review the request further. Neal asked for Trump’s returns a week ago.

Democrats accused the administration of dragging its feet.

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9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Absence" (N)	In the Dark "Mommy Issues" (N)	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half																																		
10	KOPB	(10) Expeditions	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(45) Midsomer Murders "A Rare Bird"	Masterpiece Mystery! "Endeavour: Cartouche"																																			
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Ruin"	The Orville "Sanctuary" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV																																		
18	KPDx	(18) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)	9pm Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game																																		
19	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Ruin"	The Orville "Sanctuary" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons																																		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	The Last O.G.	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	Seinfeld																																		
5	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half																																
29	ESPN	(29) Golf Masters Tournament				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)																																	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Hockey Division I Tournament Denver vs. Massachusetts (L)				NFL Live		NBA: The Jump		Main Event "Adesanya vs. Silva" (N)	(55) F1 Auto Race Chinese Grand Prix (L)																																		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare (N)	Dude Perfect (N)	★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006, Adventure) Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightly, Johnny Depp.	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney to the Max Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max																																		
32	DISN	(32) Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max Coop & Cami	Cloak & Dagger "Shadow Selves" (N)	★★★ Monsters, Inc. ('01, Ani) Voices of Billy Crystal, Mary Gibbs, John Goodman.	(10) ★★ Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (2014, Sci-Fi) Jason Clarke, Andy Serkis, Gary Oldman.	(05) Women (N) / (15) Little Women: LA	(05) The First 48																																		
34	FAM	(34) ★★ Maleficent (2014, Adventure) Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Angelina Jolie.	(50) ★★ Jason Bourne (2016, Action) Julia Stiles, Alicia Vikander.			Little Women "Diss Means War" (N)	Post-game	Mariners Access	Mariners Access	Mariners Access	PBA Bowling Playoffs Round of 24																																		
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(50) ★★ Jason Bourne (2016, Action) Julia Stiles, Alicia Vikander.			My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Annie's Story" (N)	Naked and Afraid "Ecuador Jungle" (N)	Naked and Afraid: Pop-Up Edition	Episodes of the show with new facts. (N)	Untold Stories "Couch Creature"	Untold Stories of the ER "Heeled!"																																		
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's A. "Hope for the Hopeless"	LW Atlanta "Guess Who's Back"			Naked and Afraid "Ecuador Jungle" (N)	Naked and Afraid: Pop-Up Edition	Episodes of the show with new facts. (N)	Untold Stories "Couch Creature"	Untold Stories of the ER "Heeled!"																																			
38	ROOT	(38) (5:00) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Kansas City Royals				Life Below Zero "Burn the Midnight Oil"	Life Below Zero "Arctic Super Moon"	Life Below Zero	"Winter's Grip"	StarTalk "Actor Jack Black" (N)																																			
39	F51	(39) (5:00) PBA Bowling Playoffs				★★★ Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks.	★★★ I, Robot (2004, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Alan Tudyk, Will Smith.																																						
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family																																
44	COM	(44) (15) The Office	(50) The Office "Safety Training"	(25) The Office		Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Beat Flay (SP) (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay																																
45	HIST	(45) Swamp People "Raising the Stakes"	Swamp People "Hungry for More"	Swamp People "Night Terrors"		Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters																																
46	A&E	(46) The First 48				Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Daddy's Home																																
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Yes Dress "Everything Is on the Line"		Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time																																
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "Louisiana Swamp: Part 1"	Wild Sri Lanka "Wake of the Leopard"	Bones "The Cowboy in the Contest"		Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Paid Program	Paid Program																																
49	NGEO	(49) Wild Egypt	Wild Sri Lanka "Wake of the Leopard"	Bones "The Cowboy in the Contest"		Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank																																
50	TNT	(50) Bones	Wild Sri Lanka "Wake of the Leopard"	Bones "The Cowboy in the Contest"		Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Get a Room With Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★ O Brother, Where Art Thou? ('00) John Goodman, George Clooney.	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)			Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
52	USA	(52) NCIS "The Voyeur's Web"	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)			Chopped "Knife Strife"	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Knife Strife"		Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
54	HGTV	(54) Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
56	FX	(56) (5:30) Why Him? (2016, Comedy) Bryan Cranston, Zoey Deutch, James Franco.	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	Hannity	Hannity	Hannity	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
63	BRAV	(63) (5:30) Mill. Listing	Project Runway "Survive in Style"			Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) 3:10 to Yuma ('57) Glenn Ford.	★★★ The Man From Laramie ('55) Arthur Kennedy, Donald Crisp, James Stewart.	★★★ Warlock (1959, Western) Anthony Quinn, Richard Widmark, Henry Fonda.		Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
65	SYFY	(65) ★★ Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008, Adventure) Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Ron Perlman.	★★★ Hellboy (2004, Sci-Fi) John Hurt, Selma Blair, Ron Perlman.			Chopped "Tortellini Trials"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"	Chopped "Pasta Possibilities"		Carson and Thom	Bethenny-Fredrik	Watch What (N)	Project Runway																																
102	RFD	(102) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live' (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library																																	