



## Julian Assange's Family Begins US Tour To Demand His Freedom

### Description

Julian Assange's father John Shipton begins a month-long, **17-city U.S. tour** in Miami as his son languishes in Belmarsh Prison in London awaiting a US appeal against the denial of his extradition.

Organized by Assange Defense, John and Gabriel Shipton, Julian Assange's father and brother, will begin the [#HomeRun4Julian](#) tour in Miami on June 6 via a live-streamed event. The Shiptons are scheduled to make **stops on both coasts and the Midwest before concluding the tour in the nation's capital.**

Assange's family members will meet with activists, press, and policymakers to raise awareness of the importance of protecting whistleblowers and journalists, and to advocate for the release of Julian Assange, whom **the United Nations has declared "arbitrarily detained" since 2010.**

"My brother Julian Assange has effectively been a prisoner for over a decade because he published evidence of war crimes," Gabriel Shipton said in a Thursday statement.

"The U.S. government wants to make an example out of him to deter journalists and whistleblowers," he added.



*John Shipton, father of Julian Assange, at a prior rally, via AFP*

And John Shipton, the WikiLeaks founder's father said, "Gabriel and I are excited to talk to the American public on why protecting journalism and freeing Julian is so important to a free press."

Watch the kickoff event in Miami here, live at 7pm(Eastern) on Sunday:

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