

What you should know about Julian Assange and WikiLeaks

WikiLeaks founder, Julian Assange, has finally been arrested.



What did he do? Assange got access to government secrets through various sources. He then started publishing the information on his website, WikiLeaks, as he believed that everyone deserved to have access to this information.

He has been wanted by the US government for one of the biggest leaks of classified government data in history. This included US army videos and communication from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hacked emails from the US elections amongst other information. There was also data on other countries, governments, United Nations diplomats, data from Sony Pictures, and more - nothing was off limits.

He has been wanted since 2012 on other charges, and had sought refuge in the Ecuadorian embassy in London.

The Ecuadorian Embassy gave him asylum and housed him for the past 7 years, but has now given him up to UK authorities.

The UK courts will decide his fate - he faces extradition to the US or other places to face the music.