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## **JULIAN ASSANGE - CONCEPT OF LAWFARE TO UNIVERSALLY APPLY AMERICAN LAW**

**ASSANGE, SNOWDEN, DOTCOM SAME PROSECUTOR**

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**USPA NEWS** - The WikiLeaks founder and exiled whistleblower opened up about some connections his case has with that of Edward Snowden's and Kim Dotcom's. The concept of lawfare, he explains, is used academically to denote one acquiring new territory not with the use of military force, but by spreading...

The WikiLeaks founder and exiled whistleblower opened up about some connections his case has with that of Edward Snowden's and Kim Dotcom's. The concept of lawfare, he explains, is used academically to denote one acquiring new territory not with the use of military force, but by spreading one's own laws to those territories. This is something he sees as currently being done by the United States by employing a mixture of international institutions and agreements, as well as unquestioning cooperation from key allies who will not challenge it. (RT)

Consider Syria, which is dominating the international news because of increased Russian military intervention as well as a surge of some 500,000 refugees from the region arriving in Europe. Why has it taken so long for Washington to even begin "" yes, it is unfortunately just beginning "" to reconsider the policy of requiring Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to agree to resign before any meaningful negotiations can take place? After all, any diplomat could have told the White House that demanding the political suicide of one party to a civil war as a condition for negotiations is not how civil wars end. Practically speaking, this policy has been a commitment to indefinite warfare. (Al Jazeera)

In an interview with Radio New Zealand on October 8, Assange said there were some common threads in his case and whistleblower Edward Snowden and Dotcom cases. All three were being pursued by the same prosecutor in Alexandria, Virginia.

'It's actually something quite interesting,..Alexandria, Virginia is picked in all national security cases..."Now I'm an Australian. Wikileaks is not a US publishing organisation. Our people are not in the US, we don't publish in the US so what the hell is the United States doing trying to bring an espionage case against me?...That jurisdiction is simply picked because it has the highest density of government employees....' (NZ Herald)

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