

Minister of Home Affairs
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Dear Home Minister

Nearly 18 months have passed since Xulhaz Mannan and his friend were hacked to death when machete-wielding attackers stormed his home. Even though there are witnesses and ample evidence, the police investigation has stalled and Xulhaz's killers have not been held accountable.

The failure to hold anyone accountable for Xulhaz's murder has created a climate of fear among human rights defenders, including LGBTIQ activists. They are not able to express themselves freely, live their lives in the way they wish to, fearful that they will also come under attack and that the government will do nothing when that happens.

I call on you to ensure that this murder is not forgotten and that justice is served without further delay.

Yours sincerely

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Vážený pán minister vnútra,

Ubehlo takmer 18 mesiacov, odkedy boli Xulhaz Mannan a jeho známy brutálne zavraždení útočníkmi, ktorí vtrhli do jeho bytu ozbrojení mačetami. Napriek výpovediam svedkov a dostatku dôkazov, bolo policajné vyšetovanie pozastavené a Xulhazovi vrahovia zostávajú nepotrestaní.

Táto skutočnosť vytvorila atmosféru strachu medzi obrancami a obrankyňami ľudských práv, vrátane LGBTIQ aktivistov a aktivistiek. Nie sú schopní slobodne sa vyjadrovať a žiť svoje životy tak ako by chceli, zo strachu, že aj oni sa stanú obeťami podobného útoku a že keď k tomu dôjde vláda nepohne prstom.

Žiadam Vás, aby ste sa uistili, že sa na túto vraždu nezabudne a že spravodlivosti bude bezodkladne učinené zadosť.

S úctou