

## Eilaktion: Erneut Trans\*Aktivistin in Honduras ermordet

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### Eilaktion zur Aufklärung des Verbrechens und zum Schutz von LGBTI\*Menschenrechtsverteidiger\_innen



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#### Honduras - Killing of LGBTI rights defender Paola Barraza

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Front Line Defenders strongly condemns the killing of human rights defender Paola Barraza, and expresses its deep concern at the climate of extreme violence facing defenders of LGBTI rights in Honduras.

Please take action on human rights defenders in Honduras.

Please copy the letter and forward it to the address provided.

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Your Excellency,

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I strongly condemn the killing of human rights defender Paola Barraza, and express deep concern at the climate of extreme violence facing defenders of LGBTBI rights in Honduras.

I urge the authorities in Honduras to:

Carry out an immediate, thorough and impartial investigation into the assassination of human rights defender Paola Barraza, with a view to publishing the results and bringing those responsible to justice in accordance with international standards;

Publicly condemn the killing of human rights defender Paola Barraza;

Take all necessary measures to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity and security of the members of Asociación Arcoíris and all LGBTBI human rights defenders in Honduras;

Guarantee in all circumstances that all human rights defenders in Honduras are able to carry out their legitimate human rights activities without fear of reprisals and free of all restrictions.

Sincerely,

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El 25 de enero de 2016, la defensora de derechos humanos Sra. Paola Barraza fue asesinada por personas no identificadas en frente de su hogar en el barrio de Lempira, en Comayagua.

Paola Barraza, defensora trans, era miembro de la junta de la Asociación LGTB Arcoíris, una organización que trabaja por igualdad y equidad para las comunidades lesbiana, gay, trans, bisexual e intersexual (LGTBI) en Honduras.

El 24 de enero de 2016, aproximadamente a las 20:00, la defensora de derechos humanos estaba en su casa cuando personas no identificadas tocaron la puerta y le pidieron que saliera. Cuando Paola Barraza abrió la puerta, le dispararon tres veces en la cabeza y dos veces en el pecho. Ella murió en la escena del ataque como resultado de sus heridas. Se informó del asesinato a las autoridades encargadas de investigar crímenes contra miembros de la comunidad LGBTBI, sin embargo, hasta el 27 de enero de 2016, todavía no se había designado un investigador para el caso.

Paola Barraza había sido atacada anteriormente en conexión con su trabajo por los derechos LGBTBI. El 15 de agosto de 2015, hombres no identificados le dispararon varias veces en las proximidades de las oficinas de la Asociación LGTB Arcoíris. Sufrió lesiones graves en dicho ataque.

La Asociación LGTB Arcoíris ha seguido actuando en Honduras a pesar de crecientes niveles de violencia extrema contra los defensores y las defensoras LGBTBI. Entre el 23 de junio de 2015 y el 31 de agosto 2015, tres defensores y defensoras LGBTBI fueron asesinados en el país y varios más fueron agredidos físicamente y objeto de intimidación y amenazas.

Manifiesto mi firme condena por el asesinato de la defensora de derechos humanos Paola Barraza, a la vez que expreso mi profunda preocupación por el clima de violencia extrema enfrentado por los defensores y las defensoras LGBTBI en Honduras.

Por todo lo expuesto, insto a las autoridades hondureñas a que:

1. Inicien una investigación inmediata, exhaustiva e imparcial sobre el asesinato de Paola Barraza con el fin de identificar a los responsables, llevarlos ante un tribunal competente e imparcial, y aplicarles las sanciones previstas por la ley;
2. Condenen públicamente el asesinato de la defensora de derechos humanos Paola Barraza;

3. Tomen todas las medidas necesarias para garantizar en todo momento la integridad física y psicológica de los miembros de la Asociación LGTB Arcoíris y todos los defensores y las defensoras LGTBI en Honduras;
  4. Aseguren que todos los defensores y defensoras de derechos humanos en Honduras, en el desarrollo de sus actividades legítimas en defensa de los derechos humanos, puedan operar libremente sin miedo a restricciones ni represalias.
- Atentamente

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