

Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan
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Dear Minister of State,

on 25 April 2016, Xulhaz Mannan and Mahbub Rabbi Tonoy were killed mercilessly by extremists for promoting LGBT rights in Bangladesh.

Xulhaz spoke out and defended the rights of sexual minorities. He founded “Roopban,” the first and only LGBTIQ magazine in Bangladesh. Bravely he stood up for the rights of LGTIQ people. For that he and a colleague were brutally murdered by extremists.

Since then, more than two years have gone. But the government has not brought the killers to justice. I appeal that you do all that they will not get away with murder.

If the government properly investigates the murder of Xulhaz and brings his killers to justice, it will show the people that those who want to harm defenders of human rights in Bangladesh cannot get away with it.

Sincerely,