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Dear Home Minister

More than 18 months have passed since Xulhaz Mannan and his colleague 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