

Killed for Who They Are

Extrajudicial Executions and Targeted
Killings of LGBTIQ People

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In every region of the world, people face violence—including murder—because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics. A handful of states impose the death penalty for same-sex conduct, a grave human rights violation that undermines the fundamental right to life. While states that sanction executions on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity are a minority, the reality facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ) people is that most states have not done enough to prevent identity-motivated killings. This failure stems from the criminalization of same-sex sexual acts in 65 countries, inadequate state responses to queerphobic violence, and widespread, often institutionalized, stigma and discrimination.

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Extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions

refer to the deliberate killing of individuals by state or non-state actors outside of legal frameworks. Under international law, all cases in which the death penalty is carried out for consensual same-sex conduct constitute arbitrary executions. Under no circumstances can states commit, assist, or condone extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions, including on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics. States also have a duty to prevent foreseeable killings, especially of vulnerable groups such as sexual and gender minorities, and ensure effective and timely investigation, prosecution, and remedy.

This report finds that LGBTIQ people are victims of targeted killings across regions and the spectrum of queer identities, although trans women and gay men have been particularly targeted in cases of lethal violence.

Key findings



All over the world, people are killed because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics. Many fatal and other acts of violence documented in this report were directly preceded by threats or accompanied by hostile, dehumanizing, anti-LGBTIQ rhetoric. In some cases, perpetrators were associated with hate groups. Perpetrators killed LGBTIQ people to “protect family honor,” punish nonconformity, silence queer activism, or prevent being outed themselves as romantic or sexual partners of queer people. The extraordinarily brutal nature of some of the murders—including cases in which perpetrators cut out their victims’ hearts, dismembered them, sexually tortured them, or set them on fire—is a testament to the magnitude of hatred involved.



Criminalization of same-sex sexual conduct and gender nonconformity directly contributes to increased violence, including fatal violence, and decreased access to justice. Currently, 65 UN member states criminalize consensual same-sex acts between adults. Some states also criminalize “cross-dressing” and other forms of gender diversity. In these countries, people are more vulnerable to violence and harassment, including fatal violence, on the grounds of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Simultaneously, state institutions may dismiss or deprioritize crimes, including murders, in which LGBTIQ people are victims. This hostility or inertia is coupled with underreporting by survivors or victims’ loved ones, flowing from fear of law enforcement officials, who also victimize sexual and gender minorities.



United Nations (UN) member states do not sufficiently recognize and prosecute hate crimes against sexual and gender minorities. Only 63 of the 193 UN member states (33%) legally recognize hate crimes based on sexual orientation, while 40 (21% of member states) recognize hate crimes based on gender identity, and only nine (4% of member states) recognize hate crimes based on sex characteristics or intersex status. The lack of recognition of such crimes invisibilizes the violence faced by LGBTIQ people and erases killings motivated by sexual and gender identity from official databases. It further

impedes victims, family members, and communities from receiving justice and reparations.

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Sufficiently addressing extrajudicial killings of queer people requires states to implement inclusive laws and combat prejudice.

Legislation that protects LGBTIQ people's human rights, including hate crime laws, is not enough to eradicate cases of violence against sexual and gender minorities. It is also necessary to prevent violence by addressing prejudice, stigma, and discrimination at all societal levels. States must counter the patterns of impunity documented across regions by thoroughly investigating and prosecuting the killings of queer people.



LGBTIQ people are more vulnerable to fatal violence in contexts of war, conflict, migration, and organized crime.

The presence of organized crime and criminal groups increases the vulnerability of LGBTIQ people to violence. Similarly, LGBTIQ people are particularly vulnerable to violence in contexts of war and conflict. Asylum seekers and migrants escaping such contexts face multiple challenges and human rights violations, including hate-fueled murder, in receiving and home states.

THE ANNEX DATABASE IN NUMBERS

230+

targeted killings of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer people, January 2020 to July 2026

12 to 77

age range of victims in the cases documented in this report

AT LEAST

18

targeted killings of children under 18

The Annex to this report includes a database of documented killings of over 230 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer people, killed because of their identities between January 2020 and

July 2026. They involve LGBTIQ people of all ages: in cases documented in this report, victims' ages ranged from 12 to 77, with at least 18 targeted killings of children under 18. The perpetrators were also people of all ages, including adolescents and children under 18. Killings perpetrated by children and adolescents were also violent and pointed to an attempt to maintain cisheteronormative ideals at all levels. Yet, these figures are not exhaustive. They only begin to hint at the true scale of fatal hate-motivated violence against sexual and gender minorities globally.

The UN Human Rights Council, formerly the UN Commission on Human Rights, established the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions in 1982 to take steps toward eradicating illegal and undue deprivations of the right to life. In 2026, the UN General Assembly will vote on a biennial resolution that demands that all states end the practice of extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions and take steps to “prevent, combat and eliminate the phenomenon in all its forms and manifestations.” Individual states are failing their most vulnerable populations by failing to prevent and address, and sometimes even facilitating, extrajudicial executions and other targeted killings.

Since 2000 and 2012, respectively, sexual orientation and gender identity have been included in the resolution on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions among the list of groups that are vulnerable to unlawful killings. Subsequently, there have been attempts to remove this language. Repeated efforts to exclude one of the populations most susceptible to targeted killings from resolutions holding states accountable for preventing and addressing such killings amounts to a denial of the right to life for LGBTIQ people. “Sexual orientation and gender identity” must remain protected categories in the 2026 resolution. In response to the findings in this report, states must meet their obligations under international human rights law and existing UN resolutions. This briefing paper offers detailed recommendations to UN member states in the concluding section; the key recommendations are as follows.

Key recommendations for member states

- **Decriminalize** consensual same-sex sexual acts and repeal laws that criminalize or otherwise stigmatize or discriminate against



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people based on their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics.

- **Enact and enforce laws** recognizing killings of LGBTIQ people motivated by bias based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics as hate crimes, and ensure that such killings are effectively investigated and prosecuted.
- **Ensure effective remedies and adequate resources** for investigating and addressing cases of violence against LGBTIQ people, including access to justice, compensation, and appropriate assistance for survivors, victims' families, and affected communities.
- **Collect and publish data** on killings and other forms of violence against LGBTIQ people, disaggregated by sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics, while respecting privacy and protecting individuals from further harm.
- **Use this data to inform the design and implementation of measures** to prevent and address violence against LGBTIQ people and promote social acceptance, in meaningful consultation and collaboration with LGBTIQ civil society organizations.
- **Reform policing practices** that contribute to violence against LGBTIQ people, including through mandatory training on identifying, investigating, and responding to crimes against sexual and gender minorities.
- **Establish independent oversight mechanisms** with actual investigative and disciplinary authority over police misconduct, to hold law enforcement officials accountable where they perpetrate violence against, extort, or willfully fail to investigate crimes against LGBTIQ people.



Detailed recommendations to UN member states, UN entities, news publications and journalists, and civil society organizations are in **chapter 05**.

GLOSSARY

Cisgender

Denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with their sex assigned at birth.

Cisheteronormativity

A pervasive belief system that centers and naturalizes heterosexuality and the gender binary to the extent that it is assumed that the only two “normal” ways of being are cisgender heterosexual masculine men and cisgender heterosexual feminine women.

Gender-Based Violence

Any type of violence that is perpetrated against a person or group of people because of their actual or perceived sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, sex characteristics, or any perceived violation of gender norms.

Gender-Diverse

This term is used to describe people who identify outside the gender binaries, and do not identify as “transgender.” It includes people who are gender nonconforming, gender nonbinary, and genderqueer, among others. Outright recognizes that there is no single catch-all term to accurately describe people in all their gender diversity.

Gender Expression

Gender expression is how we express our gender through actions and appearance, including attire, speech, and movement. Gender expression is on a spectrum. It can align with social constructs of what it means to be feminine, masculine, androgynous, or any combination thereof. It can also be fluid. For a lot of people, their gender expression aligns with characteristics that our societies deem to be appropriate for their gender or their sex assigned at birth. For other people, it does not. A person’s gender expression is not always linked to the person’s biological sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Gender Identity

A person’s internal, deeply felt sense of being a woman or girl, man or boy, a combination of these, neither, or something else.

Gender Persecution

“Gender persecution” is the crime against humanity of persecution on the grounds of gender, under Article 7(1)(h) of the [Rome] Statute. Gender persecution is committed against persons because of sex characteristics and/or because of the social constructs and criteria used to define gender.

Kito

This is a Nigerian term used to describe the practice of entrapping queer people, especially through dating apps and online platforms, with the intent of physically abusing, sexually abusing, and/or extorting money or other valuables by threatening to expose them to their families, friends, or the public. It usually occurs with catfishing and is a type of queerphobic violence meant to control and threaten queer people.

LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer)

An inclusive term used to categorize people whose identities or bodies do not meet cultural expectations of endosex, cisgender heteronormativity. Outright uses the term LGBTIQ as an umbrella term that includes people who may not themselves identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer. We also use “people of queer experience” and “sexual and gender minorities.”

Muxe

Among the indigenous Zapotec people in Mexico, muxe refers to a cultural third gender. Muxes are assigned male at birth and often present themselves in a traditionally feminine way. Many are caretakers, merchants, or artisans, but the experiences, occupations, and gender expressions of muxes vary widely.

Nonbinary

A term to describe the gender identity of someone who does not identify exclusively as a woman or girl or as a man or boy. This term is sometimes used interchangeably with the term “genderqueer.”

Queer

An inclusive umbrella term covering multiple identities, sometimes used interchangeably with “LGBTIQ.” It is also used to describe divergence from heterosexual and cisgender norms without specifying new identity categories. In this report, “queer men” is used to cover gay men, bisexual men, and other men of non-heterosexual sexual orientations, and “queer women” is used to cover lesbian women, bisexual women, and other women of non-heterosexual sexual orientations.

Queerphobia

Fear of, contempt of, and/or discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, or gender nonconforming, or intersex people, usually based on negative stereotypes. Queerphobia can be both individual and institutional: entrenched, damaging opinions about transgender identities may influence the enactment of discriminatory laws and policies, and how individuals, the government, organizations, the media, and society in general behave toward people whose identities do not conform to mainstream gender roles.

Sex Assigned at Birth

Classification of bodies at the time of birth as female, male, or other, based on factors such as external sex organs, internal sexual and reproductive organs, hormones, and chromosomes. Most individuals are “assigned female at birth” or “assigned male at birth.” Typically, the sex assigned at birth is recorded on a person’s birth certificate and some official identification documents. A person’s sex assigned at birth may or may not match their gender identity.

Sexual and Gender Minorities

A category of individuals whose sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or sex characteristics differ from those of most of the population.

Sexual Orientation

The sexual, romantic, and emotional attraction that one has the capacity to feel for others. An individual’s sexual orientation is indicated by one or more of the following: how a person self-identifies their sexual orientation, a person’s capacity for experiencing sexual and/or affectional attraction to people of the same and/or different gender, and/or a person’s sexual behavior with people of the same and/or different gender.

Sexual Violence

Any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, or act directed against a person’s sexuality using coercion by any person, regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting.

Transgender

A term to describe people whose sex assigned at birth does not conform to their gender identity. A transgender person usually adopts, or would prefer to adopt, a gender expression in accordance with their gender identity, but may or may not desire to alter their physical characteristics to conform to their gender identity.

Transgender Men

People designated female at birth but who identify and may present themselves as men. Transgender men are generally referred to with male pronouns.

Transgender Women

People designated male at birth but who identify and may present themselves as women. Transgender women are generally referred to with female pronouns.

Transphobia

Fear of, contempt of, and/or discrimination against transgender, nonbinary, or gender nonconforming people, usually based on negative stereotypes. Transphobia can be both individual and institutional: entrenched, damaging opinions about transgender identities may influence the enactment of discriminatory laws and policies, and how individuals, the government, organizations, the media, and society in general behave toward people whose identities do not conform to mainstream gender roles.

01

INTRODUCTION

IN THIS CHAPTER

Condemning Queer People to Death

This report compiles cases of targeted killings of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ) people around the globe. It provides regional and thematic analysis to understand this problem better, develop recommendations, and hold states accountable for the prevention and prosecution of all forms of violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or sex characteristics. The present report builds upon Outright's submission in 2024 to the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions.¹ While it is necessarily non-exhaustive, it demonstrates the scale and breadth of anti-LGBTIQ killings. It also shows how states have facilitated or failed to adequately address these killings, including through hostile laws and rhetoric, institutionalized discrimination, and gaps in legal protections and access to justice.

Where killings of LGBTIQ people are committed by the state or by non-state actors with state complicity or support, they amount to extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions. Where they are committed by non-state actors—including vigilante groups, mobs, and individuals—they engage the state's obligations to effectively prevent, investigate, prosecute, and provide remedy for violations of the right to life, particularly where patterns of anti-LGBTIQ violence meet with impunity.

In 1983, Special Rapporteur Amos Wako proposed definitions that have formed the bedrock for these terms under international law.²

**Extrajudicial execution:**

This refers to "killings committed outside the judicial or legal process, and at the same time, illegal under relevant national and international laws."³ An arbitrary execution can also be an extrajudicial killing. An extrajudicial or extralegal execution may occur when a government has imposed a death penalty but failed to comply with procedural safeguards prescribed in international law.⁴

**Summary execution:**

This is "the arbitrary deprivation of life as a result of a sentence imposed by the means of summary procedure in which the due process of law and, in particular, the minimum procedural guarantees as set out in Article 14 of the Covenant [the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights] are either curtailed, distorted or not followed."⁵



Arbitrary execution:

“The arbitrary deprivation of life as a result of the killing of persons carried out by the order of a government or with its complicity or tolerance or acquiescence without any judicial or legal process.”⁶



Extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions:

Collectively, these refer to “the deliberate killing of individuals outside of any legal framework,” and they amount to a violation of the fundamental right to life.⁷ The UN mandates governments to prevent and investigate all such executions in furtherance of the protection of the right to life.⁸ These may amount to genocide, crimes against humanity, or war crimes, and constitute a major cause of human rights violations, such as “gender-related” violence or femicide.⁹

Since 1982, the UN General Assembly has approved a resolution that condemns extrajudicial executions every two years. Each resolution includes new language on particular issues of concern in relation to extrajudicial executions: previous resolutions have addressed topics such as deaths in custody, international standards of investigation, crimes against humanity, and enforced disappearances. The UN has also taken note that despite clear prohibitions in international law, extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions continue to take place, and specific groups, in particular, are targeted. For that reason, beginning in 2000, the resolution has named particular groups of concern. Among these developments:

2000

In 2000, Resolution A/RES/55/111 highlighted “killings committed in the name of passion or in the name of honour, persons killed for reasons related to their peaceful activities as human rights defenders or as journalists, [and] racially motivated violence leading to the death of the victim” and urged that “such killings are neither condoned nor sanctioned by government officials or personnel.”¹⁰

2002

In 2002, Resolution A/RES/57/214 added “sexual orientation” to the list of discriminatory grounds.¹¹

2004

In 2004, Resolution A/RES/59/197 expanded the list of vulnerable groups, calling on states to investigate killings “targeted at specific groups of persons, including members of national, ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities, refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants, street children, and members of indigenous communities,” along with the previously mentioned groups.¹²

2012

In 2012, Resolution A/RES/67/168 added reference to killings targeting people based on their gender identity.¹³

Beginning in 2010, groups of states that take issue with UN recognition of sexual orientation and gender identity as protected grounds have contested these terms’ inclusion in the resolution.¹⁴ In 2010, within the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, a group of states passed an amendment removing sexual orientation from the resolution’s text. However, this removal was reversed in the General Assembly plenary vote led by the **U.S.**¹⁵ At that time, **Rwanda** publicly broke from the African group and voted for the retention of “sexual orientation” in the resolution:

We wish to alert states to the vulnerability of such groups and the reality of the crimes committed against them, and to call for prosecution of authors of such acts. Whether or not the concept is defined or not, whether or not we support the claims of people with a different sexual orientation, whether or not we approve of their sexual practices—but we must deal with the urgency of these matters and recognize that these people continue to be the target of murder in many of our societies, and they are more at risk than many of the other groups listed.¹⁶

RWANDA

In 2012, the year gender identity was added to the resolution, some states attempted to remove it, and attempts have been mounted to remove sexual orientation and gender identity in every vote since. To date, these attempts have been unsuccessful, with a majority of states recognizing that it is a matter of fact that people are killed because of their sexual orientation and gender identity, along with the position that it is a matter of adherence to international law to

assert that states are obligated to address this violence. In 2024, voting in favor of the resolution and against the amendment to remove sexual orientation and gender identity, **Montenegro** stated:

Montenegro remains steadfast in its commitment to uphold and protect the right to life for all individuals, a cornerstone of international human rights law...We believe that omitting references to specific vulnerable groups would diminish our collective responsibilities to safeguard those most at risk and weaken the resolution's intent to address violence without discrimination.¹⁷

MONTENEGRO

Australia, Canada, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland adopted a similar position:

The resolution highlights these groups and others referenced because of the discrimination and other factors that create situations of vulnerability and lead to a higher likelihood of their suffering of deadly violence and lack of justice. We should not overlook the reality on the ground by seeking to exclude particular groups; doing so would send a dangerous signal to the perpetrators of this appalling violence.¹⁸

AUSTRALIA, CANADA, LIECHTENSTEIN, AND SWITZERLAND

“Sexual orientation and gender identity” must remain protected categories in the 2026 resolution. In response to the findings in this report, states must meet their obligations under international human rights law and existing UN resolutions.

While the resolutions to date have not applied a broader gender lens to killings based on sexual orientation and gender identity, this report further emphasizes that all forms of anti-LGBTIQ violence, including killings, constitute gender-based violence. Gender-based violence, at its core, is the violent enforcement of rigid gender binaries and norms. A gendered lens is therefore crucial in guiding states' efforts

to eliminate these killings. Under international human rights law, states must prevent, address, and eliminate all forms of gender-based violence, not only limited to violence against women, but also including violence based on real or perceived gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and sex characteristics.¹⁹

Condemning Queer People to Death

One particularly egregious form of arbitrary execution of LGBTIQ people is when it is at the hands of the state.

Around the world, capital punishment remains contested, but on certain points, international law is clear. Under Article 6(2) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, states that retain the death penalty may only impose it for “the most serious crimes”—understood as crimes involving intentional killing of another person.²⁰ Applying the death penalty for same-sex conduct is itself considered an arbitrary deprivation of life regardless of whether the trial was otherwise fair.²¹ The mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Execution also includes acting whenever capital punishment is imposed for offenses that do not meet that threshold.²²

Eight states legally prescribe the death penalty as the punishment for consensual same-sex sexual acts between adults, mostly through Shariah provisions: **Afghanistan, Brunei Darussalam, Iran, Mauritania, Northern Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Uganda, and Yemen.**²³ In **Pakistan, Qatar, and Somalia**, the law is less certain, with courts potentially able to reach a capital sentence even without an explicit statute.²⁴

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DEATH PENALTY LEGALLY PRESCRIBED

Afghanistan

Brunei Darussalam

Iran

Mauritania

Northern Nigeria

Saudi Arabia

Uganda

Yemen

LAW LESS CERTAIN

Pakistan

Qatar

Somalia

Many of these laws are rooted in Shariah and rely on the classical *zina* (unlawful sexual intercourse) framework, which was developed

primarily to address heterosexual sex outside marriage. Several states instead have a separate, male–male-specific offense—commonly termed *liwat* in legal frameworks based on Shariah—layered alongside or in place of *zina*. The pattern is not uniform:

- In **Afghanistan**, Article 14(2)ii of the penal code, in a section on “Capital punishment in the public interest,” provides for the death penalty for anyone “who repeatedly commits homosexual acts.” This is reiterated in Article 60.²⁵
- In **Mauritania**, Article 308 of the Penal Code prescribes death by stoning on any adult Muslim man for same-sex conduct, regardless of marital status.²⁶
- In **Iran**, Article 234 of the Islamic Penal Code applies the death penalty to the receptive partner of anal sex between men, regardless of religion or marital status, and to the insertive partner of anal sex between men in cases where the insertive partner is non-Muslim, and the receptive partner is Muslim.²⁷
- In **Brunei, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen**, the *liwat* provisions parallel the more general *zina* provisions: death if married; lashing and imprisonment otherwise.²⁸
- Twelve Shariah states in **northern Nigeria** each have their own penal codes. In some, the death penalty for sodomy is only applicable to married persons, and in others, it is applicable generally.²⁹
- In **Uganda**, the death penalty for same-sex acts stems from the 2023 Anti-Homosexuality Act and applies to “aggravated homosexuality,” including repeated instances of consensual sex between people of the same sex.³⁰

Executions specifically for consensual same-sex acts are rare across all of these states. Most of these provisions are seldom or never formally applied. However, having the death penalty on the books, whether prescribed explicitly or left as a legal possibility, is a flagrant violation of sexual minorities’ right to life, and it heightens the risk of extrajudicial killings, vigilante violence, and coercive use of the threat of prosecution, independent of how often it is formally carried out.

In cases where capital punishment is prescribed and imposed, the UN Human Rights Committee has declared that:

Under no circumstances can the death penalty ever be applied as a sanction against conduct whose very criminalization violates the Covenant, including adultery, **homosexuality**, apostasy [establishing political opposition groups] or offending a head of state. States parties that retain the death penalty for such offences commit a violation of their obligations under article 6 read alone and in conjunction with article 2, paragraph 2 of the Covenant, as well as of other provisions of the Covenant.³¹

UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Most countries do not apply capital punishment for same-sex relations, nor do they take adequate steps to protect LGBTIQ lives. Under international human rights law, states are required to prevent and prosecute extrajudicial killings based on a violation of the right to life as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Articles 6, 14, and 15 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.³² In this light, the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions deemed that:

Government failure to actively intervene to protect the rights of LGBT, gender-diverse and intersex persons...leads to their deaths.³³

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON EXTRAJUDICIAL, SUMMARY, OR ARBITRARY EXECUTIONS

For these reasons, the persistent killings of LGBTIQ people represent a failure of member states in fulfilling their duties. States should take urgent actions to prevent further violence and guarantee justice to victims, family members, and communities.

02

METHODOLOGY

IN THIS CHAPTER

On Violence and Identity

On the Language and Terminology in This Report

This research compiles cases of targeted killings of LGBTIQ people worldwide, focusing primarily on cases from January 2020 to July 2026. The cases included are those in which state authorities, civil society organizations, or family members of the victims have reasons to believe that the person was killed because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics. The cases shared in this document are based on publicly available reports made by international bodies, credible media sources in numerous languages, journalists, and civil society organizations. We cross-referenced the data through multiple sources to ensure veracity.

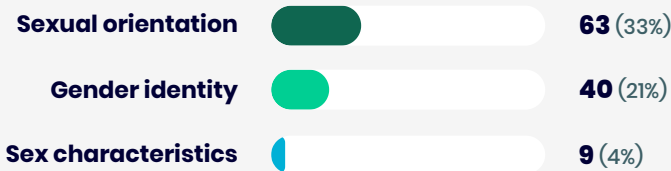
Few member states maintain official statistics or public registries that disaggregate cases of killings based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics. According to the (ILGA World), 63 UN member states (33%) recognize hate crimes based on sexual orientation, while 40 (21%) member states recognize hate crimes based on gender identity. Only nine member states (4%) recognize hate crimes based on sex characteristics.³⁴ In many contexts, particularly those without appropriate hate crime legislation or adequate resources or political will to document and investigate such cases, the killings of LGBTIQ people can be registered without any gender-based analysis.



Primarily January 2020 to July 2026. Cases draw on publicly available reports by international bodies, credible media sources in numerous languages, journalists, and civil society organizations.

LEGAL RECOGNITION OF HATE CRIMES

UN member states that recognize hate crimes on each ground, out of 193



Source: ILGA World. See endnote 34.

For these reasons, LGBTIQ civil society organizations track and closely monitor hate crimes, including killings, although they also face capacity and funding restraints. Media reports may contain

inaccuracies, particularly regarding demographic information of victims, including their name, age, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Outright has cross-referenced various public sources to provide the names, identities, and circumstances of LGBTIQ people killed to the best of our knowledge, but there may be cases in which these are not exact.

There is a wide gap in data available across countries and regions, due to factors such as underreporting and lack of data disaggregation. Those countries with a significant number of cases included in this report do not necessarily have a higher rate of anti-LGBTIQ killings than other countries; they may simply have better reporting by law enforcement, civil society, or media. Countries in this category include **Brazil**, **South Africa**, and the **United States of America**. Where reporting of anti-LGBTIQ violence is low due to criminalization or stigma, or in contexts of conflict or humanitarian crisis, states, as well as media and civil society, may be far less equipped to track bias-motivated killings. Some countries in **North Africa** and **Southwest Asia** are affected by these factors.

On Violence and Identity

A significant majority of crimes documented in this report involve violence against gay, bisexual, or queer men and trans women. In part, this may be because these groups experience higher rates of violent crime compared to other sexual and gender minorities. In many societies, they are more “visible,” including in the eyes of the perpetrators of most gender-based violence: cisgender heterosexual men. Gay and bisexual men have been specifically targeted for their perceived departure from masculine norms, and trans women face a related form of persecution. Perpetrators can target queer people whose identities and lives seem to be most visibly in contrast to rigid gender norms and cisheteropatriarchal standards, in addition to those who work in highly vulnerable industries like sex work, and those who have little social protection due to economic precarity.

Lesbian, bisexual, and queer women and trans men are also subjected to violence when they are perceived to violate gender norms. Sometimes, the perpetrators are their own family members. In other cases, killings are linked to bias-motivated sexual violence. Several women whose murders are documented in this report were killed by men who were their former intimate partners. These forms of violence are likely undercounted.



More documented cases do not mean a higher rate of killings. A country may simply have better reporting by law enforcement, civil society, or media.

The report documents two killings of intersex people—a finding that says less about rates of violence against intersex people than it does about intersex invisibility in legal and policy discussions. “Sex characteristics” is currently not included in any of the UN resolutions on extrajudicial killings. Outright routinely receives anecdotal information about the killings of intersex infants, but we have been unable to document any specific cases for this report. State mechanisms have been slower to develop frameworks and data collection practices that comprehensively document and address these incidents of violence without erasing intersex people’s identities.

On the Language and Terminology in This Report

Outright typically uses the acronym “LGBTIQ” when referring to movements, laws, or events that are truly relevant to and inclusive of the range of identities included in the acronym. In some cases in this report, we report on events that, to our knowledge, did not include intersex people, or on laws that only target people based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and not based on sex characteristics. In these cases, and elsewhere, we have used “queer” or “sexual and gender minorities” or “people of queer experience” as inclusive catch-all terms. When citing other sources directly, we use the terms and acronyms that those sources adopt. We recognize that our choice of terms and acronyms may at times be inconsistent and imperfect, due to gaps in our knowledge, the complexity and fluidity of our communities, and identities that no term or acronym can perfectly capture.

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killings of intersex people are documented in this report, a finding that says more about intersex invisibility in legal and policy discussions than about rates of violence

03

REGIONAL OVERVIEWS AND COUNTRY CASE STUDIES

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The Americas

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Asia

Oceania

The following section analyzes cases of killings based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics by regions and subregions. It examines national laws and policies that aggravate or alleviate violence against LGBTIQ people and the impact of contexts marked by stigma and discrimination. For each region, several case studies zoom in on specific dynamics of violence against LGBTIQ people. The case studies selected to illustrate the nature and prevalence of LGBTIQ killings reflect countries in which Outright was able to obtain and verify data through various sources. The non-inclusion of certain countries in case studies is not an indication of the absence of killings or violence against LGBTIQ people.

REGIONS AND COUNTRY CASE STUDIES



The Americas

Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, the United States of America



Sub-Saharan Africa

Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa



Southwest Asia and North Africa

Iraq



Europe and Central Asia

Russia/Chechnya



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Much of the Americas region, comprising South America, Central America, North America, and the Caribbean, is characterized by legislative advancement in human rights protections for sexual and gender minorities. **Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago**, all in the Caribbean, are the only countries in the Western hemisphere that continue to criminalize consensual same-sex conduct. At the same time, the region faces important challenges that exacerbate violent crime and gender-based violence, including deeply rooted patriarchal cultures, as well as generalized social violence related to crime, gun control, and political conflicts.³⁵ In Central America's Northern Triangle countries, **El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras**, organized crime contributes to high rates of violence, including against LGBTIQ people.³⁶ Hostile and dehumanizing political rhetoric can also enable violence against people of queer experience.³⁷

Many countries in the Americas have sought to use the law to respond to targeted violence, providing aggravated penalties for homicides motivated by bias based on sexual orientation or gender identity.³⁸ Twenty-two UN member states in the region recognize hate crimes based on a person's sexual orientation, and 14 states do so based on gender identity.³⁹ However, prosecutions based on these provisions are not common.⁴⁰ While a number of the countries in the region also prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, such laws are unevenly enforced.⁴¹ Across the board, states in the Americas should strengthen efforts to challenge harmful gender stereotypes that increase the risk of violence to LGBTIQ people, reduce social violence, and increase access to justice.

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22

UN member states in the region recognize hate crimes based on sexual orientation; **14** do so based on gender identity

Brazil

CASE STUDY

Brazil has enacted legislation to protect the human rights of sexual and gender minorities, including by recognizing aggravating circumstances in case of criminal acts committed on the basis of a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity.⁴² However, it continues to experience an epidemic of violence, with one of the highest documented rates of violent deaths of LGBTIQ people worldwide.⁴³ Human rights organization Grupo Gay da Bahia reported that it had documented 204 homicide cases stemming from queerphobia in 2025. The group reported that 61% of victims were gay men and 25% were trans women, and that violence disproportionately targeted those experiencing poverty and exclusion from formal employment, including sex workers.⁴⁴

The killings of queer people in Brazil are often characterized by brutality, a tactic frequently used by criminal groups to sow terror. Reported murders of gay men, trans women, and lesbians between December 2023 and May 2025 involved at least two cases of decapitation and at least three cases in which victims' hearts were removed from their bodies.⁴⁵ In one of the cases, a perpetrator was sentenced in 2024 to 27 years in prison for femicide; human rights defenders mobilized for recognition of the crime as hate-motivated based on the victim's sexual orientation as a lesbian.⁴⁶

Brazil was home to the youngest victim whose murder is documented in this report. In 2024, the stepfather of a 12-year-old gay boy beat him as "punishment" for alleged disobedience, and the boy died from injuries in the hospital.⁴⁷ The stepfather was sentenced to 25 years in prison, with aggravating factors based on the cruel treatment and the victim's age.⁴⁸ A specific line of inquiry was opened into the possibility of homophobia as an aggravating factor, as the victim was made to suffer reprisals for his identity, although the final sentencing does not mention this.⁴⁹

The government of Brazil must uphold its obligations to prevent, investigate, and prosecute targeted killings of LGBTIQ people based on their sexual and gender identities. Sufficiently addressing queerphobic violence in Brazil requires a holistic, targeted approach across all societal spheres.⁵⁰

204

homicide cases stemming from queerphobia documented in Brazil by Grupo Gay da Bahia in 2025

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of those victims were gay men, and **25%** were trans women

Colombia

CASE STUDY

In **Colombia**, legal protections for LGBTIQ people have expanded significantly, and criminal law recognizes aggravating circumstances of violence on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.⁵¹ Yet violence against LGBTIQ people persists, including in the context of armed groups that continue to operate a decade after the 2016 peace accord.⁵² Colombia lacks adequate public infrastructure and information systems to record violent deaths of LGBTIQ people systematically. As a result, civil society organizations are often left to document such cases, while systemic barriers contribute to significant underreporting.⁵³

Between January 2020 and May 2026, a national human rights organization, Colombia Diversa, registered 440 homicides and femicides against sexual and gender minorities in Colombia.⁵⁴ Another group, Caribe Afirmativo, registered 270 violent murders of queer people in 2025.⁵⁵ Among these, in January 2025, the body of a trans woman, Carolina Muñoz, was found in a coffee plantation, and in March 2025, the decapitated body of another trans woman, who remained unnamed in reports, was found on a farm in the same region.⁵⁶ No suspects were arrested. As one media outlet noted, given that both murders were “characterized by their extreme cruelty,” officials believed them to be part of a broader pattern of transphobic and queerphobic violence.⁵⁷

In April 2025, two individuals violently attacked Sara Millerey González, a trans woman, and she died at the hospital from her injuries.⁵⁸ Police arrested a suspect on charges of torture and aggravated homicide.⁵⁹ Then-President Gustavo Petro is reported to have described the act as “committed by ‘ignorant people’ trying to ‘erase the differences’ between individuals.”⁶⁰

A prominent case is that of Aldinebin Ramos, a nonbinary peace activist who was murdered on February 6, 2024, in Tolima when a group of armed men opened fire on the people in their house.⁶¹ Ramos’ family member was also killed. Ramos, a member of the human rights organization LGBTIQ+ Association Chaparral Diversa—a group raising awareness about and seeking reparations for persecution based on sexual orientation during the armed conflict—was the third person from the organization to die after submitting their case to Colombia’s Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP), the transitional-justice tribunal created under the 2016 peace accord.⁶²

440

homicides and femicides against sexual and gender minorities registered by Colombia Diversa, January 2020 to May 2026

270

violent murders of queer people registered by Caribe Afirmativo in 2025

Ramos had submitted their individual case in 2019 and were still awaiting formal recognition and reparations when they were killed.⁶³ Following the killing, an armed group posted a circular threatening a list of people with death and declaring them “military targets,” including queer people and their relatives, forcing some to leave the neighborhood.⁶⁴

Other high-profile human rights defenders, social leaders, and journalists have also been targeted. In July 2025 in Antioquia, a man stabbed trans woman, indigenous leader, and volunteer firefighter Fernanda Domicó, and threw her body in a river.⁶⁵ Facts around Domicó’s murder indicate that queer human rights defenders face heightened risks of fatal violence due to their activism and prejudice against their identities.⁶⁶ A suspect was arrested and charged with aggravated homicide, although Outright was unable to determine whether this was on grounds of gender identity.⁶⁷

On January 13, 2024, armed assailants, suspected by activists to be linked with conflict-related armed groups in the region, entered the home of Cristina Ramírez, a transgender and intersex woman, and shot her four times.⁶⁸ According to Caribe Afirmativo, the murder heightened queer people’s sense of insecurity within the municipality of Montelíbano, as they had experienced “a series” of other targeted acts of violence in the neighborhood with an increased presence of armed groups.⁶⁹ At the time of this writing, activists in Colombia consulted by Outright were not aware of any arrests connected to Ramírez’s murder.⁷⁰

Caribe Afirmativo’s analysis concludes that violence against people of queer experience operates as “mechanisms of bodily control and punishment against non-normative sexual identities and orientations.”⁷¹ According to the Sin Violencia LGBTIQ+ Network, a regional organization, queerphobia in Colombia intersects dangerously with armed conflict and organized crime, including drug trafficking and contract killings by *sicarios*.⁷² The network recorded at least 10 murders of LGBTIQ people in Colombia between 2022 and 2024 that it found to be linked to criminal groups.⁷³

State responsibility to sexual and gender minorities must go beyond legal provisions alone. It also requires confronting organized crime, ensuring thorough investigation and prosecution with adequate redress for victims, and addressing underlying prejudice.

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CARIBE AFIRMATIVO

Guatemala

CASE STUDY

In **Guatemala**, the law does not criminalize hate crimes based on prejudice against LGBTIQ people, and discrimination is not prohibited by law.⁷⁴ Guatemala prohibits femicide, or the “gender-based violent killing of a woman,” through a landmark 2008 law.⁷⁵ Lawmakers have made several attempts to restrict sexual and gender minorities’ rights since 2020. This includes Initiative 5272, the Protection of Life and Family bill, which sought to legally inscribe a prohibition on same-sex unions (already not recognized by law), ban the prosecution of hate crimes against people of queer experience, prohibit teaching about sexual and gender diversity in schools, and increase the penalty for abortions.⁷⁶ The Guatemalan Congress ultimately shelved Bill 5272 after it had been passed but before presidential assent, following widespread condemnation of its provisions by opposition leaders and civil society groups.⁷⁷ Another proposed law attempted to restrict education about transgender identities.⁷⁸ Although these discriminating provisions have not been officially enacted, the environment of anti-LGBTIQ rhetoric increases vulnerability to violence.⁷⁹

Sin Violencia LGBTIQ+ Network recorded 39 killings of queer people in Guatemala in 2023, and 36 in 2024, a result of “discrimination, prejudice, and the lack of legal protection” of sexual and gender minorities.⁸⁰ The available data compiled by civil society does not include information on which cases have been investigated and on which offenders have been prosecuted. Human Rights Watch reported in 2020 that impunity regarding anti-queer hate crimes was normalized, sometimes stemming from “police discrimination or indifference.”⁸¹

Two members of the same trans women’s human rights organization, OTRANS Reinas de la Noche, were killed in the span of three days in 2021. On June 9, Cecy Caricia Ixpata died as a result of an attack by unidentified assailants in Baja Verapaz.⁸² Just two days later, on June 11, the organization’s executive director, Andrea González, was shot and killed in Guatemala City.⁸³ A suspect was convicted of homicide in 2023. However, Ixpata’s killing remains unsolved.⁸⁴ Human Rights Watch reported that González and Ixpata had both reached out to the Attorney General’s Office regarding transphobic threats they had received prior to these fatal attacks.⁸⁵



killings of queer people in Guatemala recorded by Sin Violencia LGBTIQ+ Network

In April 2024, in Chimaltenango, police arrested a gay couple, Eldin Choc and Milton Santamaría, when responding to an anonymous complaint about a disturbance in a food and drink shop. Prosecutors charged that the police tortured the two men to death in a police station while making homophobic statements that were reportedly captured on tape. Police then reportedly dumped their bodies in a ravine.⁸⁶ In the ongoing criminal case, the Prosecutor’s Office is considering homophobia as a potential motive, although there is no relevant law that would recognize homophobia as an aggravating circumstance.⁸⁷

The Guatemalan Congress should enact laws that protect sexual and gender minorities from all forms of violence and discrimination, including the recognition of aggravating circumstances of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and intersex status in addressing the killings of LGBTIQ people.



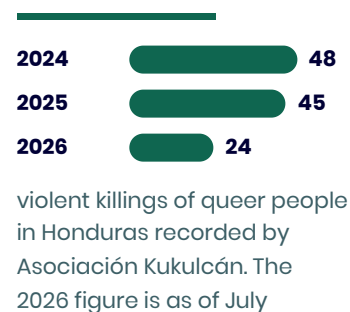
Honduras

CASE STUDY

Honduras has enacted some laws that, in principle, protect LGBTIQ people’s human rights.⁸⁸ The penal code recognizes hatred of a person’s sex, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity as an aggravating circumstance in murder.⁸⁹ Honduras also prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in health, employment, and the provision of goods and services.⁹⁰ However, the enforcement of these provisions is limited, and violence against LGBTIQ people is rife.⁹¹

According to human rights group Asociación Kukulcán’s murder observatory, there were 48 violent killings of queer people in 2024, 45 in 2025, and 24 in 2026 as of July, most of which civil society has characterized as hate crimes spurred by a context of discrimination against sexual and gender minorities.⁹² Ninety-four percent of the murder cases in Asociación Kukulcán’s observatory remain in preliminary investigation stages.⁹³ Red Lésbica Cattrachas, a lesbian-led organization in Honduras working to advance the rights of lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women and people living with HIV, calculated a 97% impunity rate of cases in the killings of LGBTIQ people between 2023 and 2026, as of May 2026.⁹⁴

The limited investigations into most cases and the high level of gang-related violence in Honduras make it difficult to determine



how many of these cases were hate crimes targeting people because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics. Among recent unsolved killings: In February 2022, two men dressed as police officers shot and killed a gay couple, Jonathan Gabriel Martínez and César Gustavo Zúñiga, in Martínez's store, provoking alarm from the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the prevalence of anti-queer violence.⁹⁵ Later that year, in October, trans activist Melissa Núñez was shot to death by hooded assailants; her killers remain at large at the time of this writing.⁹⁶ In November 2023, two trans women engaged in sex work were killed within days of each other – Mónica Alondra Santos Munguía was shot twice, and Abigail Zelaya Vásquez was stabbed.⁹⁷ Both killings remain unsolved.

Honduras's impunity for anti-LGBTIQ killings has landed the country before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which has issued two rulings related to the murders of trans women. The first ruling was handed down in 2021, in the case of *Vicky Hernández v. Honduras*, regarding Hernández's murder in 2009 in the context of a coup d'état.⁹⁸ The court ruled that Honduras was responsible for the violation of "Vicky's rights to life, personal integrity, equality and nondiscrimination, recognition of legal personality, personal liberty, privacy, freedom of expression, and name."⁹⁹ In January 2026, the Court ruled that Honduras was also responsible for violating the rights of Leonela Zelaya, a trans sex worker murdered in September 2004.¹⁰⁰ The police had arbitrarily detained Zelaya on three occasions. While the state was not found responsible for her death, the court determined that the authorities failed to carry out adequate investigations and to recognize Zelaya's gender identity and expression.¹⁰¹

The court rulings have been an important win for civil society organizations seeking to achieve justice and to change the political and legal landscape of LGBTIQ people's human rights in Honduras. The Honduran state remains responsible for fully implementing the Court's ruling. While the President has acknowledged the violation of Vicky Hernández's human rights and partial monetary compensation has been provided, further injustices cannot be prevented without the legal protections the Court ordered, which remain unimplemented.¹⁰²

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impunity rate in the killings of LGBTIQ people between 2023 and 2026, calculated by Red Lésbica Cattrachas as of May 2026



Jamaica

CASE STUDY

In **Jamaica**, “the abominable crime of buggery” and “gross indecency” remain criminalized, despite a landmark decision of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights in 2021 directing a repeal of such laws.¹⁰³ Human rights organizations argue that these laws contribute to violence, with a report by Rainbow Railroad in 2023 registering cases of bias-motivated sexual violence, shootings, machete attacks, beatings, and other forms of physical assault based on sexual orientation and gender identity.¹⁰⁴

A survey of 962 Jamaican residents who identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, conducted by USAID and UNDP in 2022, found that 54% of respondents said they “knew someone from the LGBT community who died violently or was killed in the last 12 months due to their sexual orientation or gender expression.”¹⁰⁵ A Jamaican police official was quoted in local media expressing concern regarding several cases in which perpetrators used dating apps to lure queer men to meet them, then violently attacked the victims, amounting to murder in at least one case, that of Allie Jackson, killed in 2020 and buried in a shallow grave.¹⁰⁶

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Mexico

CASE STUDY

A leader in the region in terms of formal recognition of LGBTIQ equality, **Mexico** recognizes hate crimes based on sexual orientation within subnational legislation and prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation at the federal level. Mexican law also protects LGBTIQ people’s rights through the prohibition of conversion practices and increasing safeguards for transgender and intersex people.¹⁰⁷ However, the presence of transnational criminal groups in Mexico intersects with the prevalence of gender-based violence to create a dangerous climate for sexual and gender minorities, with numerous crimes characterized by brutality and inhumane treatment.¹⁰⁸

In 2022, Nohemí Medina Martínez and Tania Montes Hernández (also known as Yulizsa Ramírez), a married lesbian couple with three children, were abducted on a highway in Chihuahua near the border with the U.S.¹⁰⁹ Their bodies were found dismembered with signs of torture, and initial reports linked the killings to organized crime.¹¹⁰ The

state's Attorney-General ruled out a hate crime, although several federal agencies called for the victims' sexual orientations and gender to be considered as part of the motivation behind the brutality of the violence and the vulnerability of the victims.¹¹¹ In 2023, two accused persons were sentenced to 90 years' imprisonment for aggravated femicide, a crime in the gender-based violence category.¹¹²

In some cases, the killings of LGBTIQ people in Mexico also appear to be related to their social justice advocacy, political office or ambition, or public visibility. In November 2023, Ociel Baena, the first nonbinary magistrate in Aguascalientes, was murdered in their home along with their partner, Dorian Herrera.¹¹³ They had previously received death threats.¹¹⁴ To date, no one has been charged, and the state has described the murders as a "crime of passion," although investigations are still underway.¹¹⁵ Baena's family reported that Baena's gender identity was not taken into account in the initial investigations.¹¹⁶

Samantha Fonseca, a trans woman and Senate candidate, was shot and killed by armed assailants in Mexico City in January 2024.¹¹⁷ While the motives of the killing remain unknown, on the day before her murder, Fonseca had spoken out against the discrimination and violence trans women experience in the country.¹¹⁸ Two people are being tried for Fonseca's murder.¹¹⁹

In October 2024, Mayte López Regalado, a *muxe* activist and beauty pageant queen, was found dead in Oaxaca with signs of torture in an apparent transfemicide.¹²⁰ In April 2026, well-known drag queen Fernanda Palacios was shot and killed at an eatery in Chiapas.¹²¹ No suspects were identified in either case.

In June 2026, prominent LGBTIQ and Afro-Mexican people's rights defender Sael Silva Cisneros was murdered in Guerrero.¹²² According to reports, Silva Cisneros had attended an academic seminar on Afro-Mexican justice and rights, organized by the Supreme Court's Centro de Estudios Constitucionales y Saberes Jurídicos, and was later socializing with a group outside an establishment when armed assailants approached and opened fire, killing Silva Cisneros, critically wounding another person, and injuring several others.¹²³ As of July 2026, no arrest had been made, and investigations were still underway. The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has urged state authorities to conduct a swift investigation of the killing.¹²⁴

In addition to verified murders, Mexico faces an ongoing national crisis regarding missing persons and enforced disappearance (*desaparecidos y no localizados*), with over 128,000 active cases in the official registry and “more than 70,000 unidentified bodies in state custody” as of June 2025.¹²⁵ The state does not disaggregate disappearances based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics. Civil society organizations have identified 71 active cases involving missing LGBTIQ people in 2025.¹²⁶ Some activists believe that cases involving the disappearances of queer people are much higher in number, and have called on the government to collect and disaggregate the data accurately.¹²⁷ In one case in January 2023, Lilith Saori Arreola Alvear, a trans woman, went missing in Oaxaca while on vacation with her girlfriend and friends.¹²⁸ The victim’s mother said police stopped investigating her case after a month, citing insufficient leads; she stated, “I’m afraid no one will look for my daughter because she’s trans.”¹²⁹

Across the board, investigating and prosecuting killings and enforced disappearances in Mexico faces systemic obstacles: ties to organized crime, an overburdened judicial system, and insufficient political will, resulting in a situation Human Rights Watch has described as “near total impunity.”¹³⁰ A case that illustrates this is that of Marbella Ibarra, a lesbian and the founder of Mexico’s first professional women’s soccer team, who was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered in 2018 in Guerrero.¹³¹ Ibarra’s sibling reported that her femicide investigation was closed due to a “lack of available investigators” to take on the case.¹³² According to the Sin Violencia LGBTIQ+ Network, 70% of the cases of killings of LGBTIQ people in 2024 had not yet resulted in the prosecution of an alleged perpetrator as of September 2025.¹³³

In one sign of progress in 2024, Mexico City classified transfemicide as a specific form of gender-based violence in its criminal code.¹³⁴ As a result, in June 2026, a court convicted Alejandro López Sánchez for the attempted femicide of trans woman, journalist, and sex worker, Natalia Lane, and sentenced him to 20 years in prison—the first conviction of its kind in Mexico.¹³⁵ While promising, a pattern is reflected in the killings described here: LGBTIQ people in Mexico have to navigate a legal system that recognizes their human rights in principle while generally failing to enforce them. Mexico must holistically address impunity and invest in the prevention of

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active cases involving missing LGBTIQ people identified by civil society organizations in 2025

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MOTHER OF LILITH SAORI ARREOLA ALVEAR

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prejudice-based crimes and the provision of redress to survivors and victims.



The United States of America

CASE STUDY

The **United States of America** has faced a rapid legal regression on LGBTIQ people's rights. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) reported that 616 anti-rights bills targeting queer people were introduced at the state level in 2025, of which 76 were enacted.¹³⁶ Many of these laws targeted trans people's access to healthcare or participation in sports, or sought to regulate or censor LGBTIQ content in school curricula.¹³⁷ As of August 2026, the ACLU had already tracked 529 such bills across states in 2026, 40 of which had been enacted into law.¹³⁸ At the federal level, President Trump's January 2025 Executive Order, "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," ended federal antidiscrimination protections for trans and intersex people and reversed the ability of transgender, intersex, and gender-diverse people to have their gender identity recognized on their passports.¹³⁹ In this context, there has been an increase in reports of hate crimes against LGBTIQ people, particularly trans and gender-diverse people.¹⁴⁰

U.S. policy decisions may also impact violence against LGBTIQ people in other countries. The Trump administration's defunding in 2025 of nearly all foreign assistance, including programs funded by the State Department and the United States Agency for International Development that advanced LGBTIQ people's human rights, access to justice, and inclusion, has disrupted crucial civil society work to combat violence. Resources available for legal assistance, emergency shelter provision, and human rights documentation have all been diminished, with concrete impacts on queer people's safety and security.¹⁴¹

Within the U.S., violence against people of queer experience intersects with gun violence, an issue that the country's then-surgeon general declared a public health crisis in 2024.¹⁴² In 2022, 22-year-old Anderson Lee Aldrich carried out a mass shooting at a queer nightclub in Colorado, killing five people and injuring 25 more.¹⁴³ Aldrich's neighbors stated that Aldrich frequently used homophobic slurs, and police testified that they found rainbow-

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colored shooting targets and a sketch of the club in Aldrich's home.¹⁴⁴ Aldrich pleaded guilty to federal hate crimes charges and was sentenced to 55 life terms in prison for actions that federal law enforcement, at the time, described as "fueled by hate."¹⁴⁵

In 2023 in Minnesota, 17-year-old Dominic Burris opened fire on a crowd at Nudieland, a queer and trans punk music event, killing one person, 35-year-old musician August Golden, and injuring six others.¹⁴⁶ Witnesses reported that Burris and Cyrell Ernest Boyd, also 17 years old, came to the event, interacted with several people, and uttered "derogatory epithets" about the gender and sexuality of attendees. They also tried to flirt with two lesbian women, who refused their advances, before leaving the event briefly and returning to open fire.¹⁴⁷ Prosecutors argued that the shooting was motivated by bias against the victims' sexual and gender minority identities, moving to try the accused as adults based on these aggravating circumstances.¹⁴⁸ Burris pleaded guilty on January 29, 2025, and was sentenced to 23 years in prison, while Boyd was sentenced to eight years.¹⁴⁹

In Montana in 2023, a man was sentenced to 18 years in prison for shooting at homes occupied by queer people in what the Department of Justice characterized as a "self-described mission to rid the town of Basin of its lesbian, queer and gay community."¹⁵⁰ That same year in Arizona, a man admitted to killing a gay man, Bernardo Pantaleón, by shooting and mutilating him, because "an unwanted advance made him uncomfortable."¹⁵¹ The suspects also took pictures of his mutilated body, shared on social media and to his family, and stated, "gays aren't welcome in the north side."¹⁵² A co-defendant has been convicted of mutilating the victim's body and was sentenced to three and a half years in prison, while the alleged shooter and a second co-defendant remained in pre-trial detention.¹⁵³ The victim's family has called for the state to consider bias based on Pantaleón's sexual orientation as an aggravating circumstance.¹⁵⁴

In 2025, a group of residents in Texas burned a gay couple's house after repeatedly harassing and threatening them. When the couple, Jonathan Joss and Tristan Kern de Gonzales, went to the house to check for their mail, a neighbor hurled "violent homophobic slurs" at them before shooting and killing Joss.¹⁵⁵ An accused perpetrator is currently awaiting trial.¹⁵⁶

People who hold multiple marginalized identities may be particularly at risk of hate-motivated violence. In 2023 in New York, 17-year-old Dmitriy Popov stabbed Black gay vogue dancer O'Shae Sibley to death outside a gas station after "hurling homophobic and anti-Black slurs" at Sibley and his friends.¹⁵⁷ The perpetrator claimed self-defense, but the court convicted him of manslaughter as a homophobic hate crime and sentenced him to 20 years in prison.¹⁵⁸

Puerto Rico, an unincorporated territory of the U.S., criminalizes femicide and transfemicide, and the law considers prejudice against a person's sexual orientation or gender identity as an aggravating circumstance in sentencing convicted offenders, but in recent murders of queer people, the authorities have not always taken into account possible identity-related motives.¹⁵⁹ They have also misgendered victims, suggesting a lack of awareness of gender identity.¹⁶⁰

In February 2020, Alexa Negrón Luciano (also known as Neulisa Luciano Ruiz), an unhoused trans woman, was harassed by two men for using a women's restroom at a fast-food restaurant. The men physically attacked her with paint guns and filmed and shared footage of the assault.¹⁶¹ She was found dead the next day, shot "at least 10 times with a handgun."¹⁶² The two men later pleaded guilty to a hate crime for the assault, motivated by her gender identity, but her murder itself remains unsolved.¹⁶³

In April 2020, a man shot and killed two trans women (named only as L.P.S. and S.A.V.R. in the case files) while on a double date with a friend after discovering the women were trans.¹⁶⁴ The two men hid their bodies in a car and set it on fire.¹⁶⁵ They were sentenced in July 2026 to 35 and 25 years of prison under federal hate crime law.¹⁶⁶

As the cases in this section attest, state laws in the U.S. vary in terms of recognition of hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity and whether bias is considered as an aggravating circumstance in sentencing. At the federal level, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 extended federal hate crime protections to cover sexual orientation and gender identity, allowing federal prosecutors to pursue cases where state authorities are unable or unwilling to act. This statute resulted in numerous prosecutions over 15 years, but in January 2025, the Trump administration directed the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division to halt new civil rights cases, including those involving LGBTIQ victims.¹⁶⁷ Separately, a federal executive order has led

agencies to remove gender identity questions from national crime data collections, a change expected to limit the government's ability to track transphobic violence going forward.¹⁶⁸

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

CASE STUDIES

Kenya

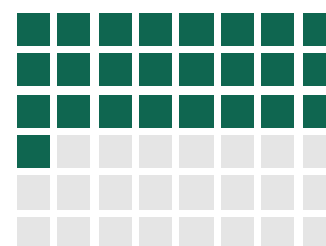
Namibia

Nigeria

South Africa

The colonial legacy of queerphobia in sub-Saharan Africa is an enduring one. As of 2026, 25 of the 48 countries in the region criminalize consensual same-sex conduct between adults. It is punishable by death in at least two countries in this region: as “sodomy” in northern **Nigeria** and “aggravated homosexuality” in **Uganda**.¹⁶⁹ There have been no recent documentations of executions for same-sex sexual conduct, although death sentences have been issued in Nigeria.¹⁷⁰ Throughout the region, criminalization contributes to stigma, violence, and impunity in cases of extrajudicial killings.¹⁷¹

Within the region, **Angola, Cape Verde, Chad, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, and South Africa**—all non-criminalizing countries—have enacted legislation prohibiting hate crimes based on sexual orientation.¹⁷² Cape Verde and South Africa extend these to gender identity, and South Africa is the only Sub-Saharan African country to recognize hate crimes based on gender expression and sex characteristics.¹⁷³



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Kenya

CASE STUDY

Since the British colonial era, **Kenya** has criminalized consensual same-sex conduct.¹⁷⁴ These laws contribute to discrimination and violence against LGBTIQ people and hamper criminal investigations of acts of violence.¹⁷⁵ Recent efforts by some politicians and religious leaders to establish new offenses related to sexual and gender diversity further fuel stigma and discrimination.¹⁷⁶

To date, no one has been convicted of the killing of Joash Mosoti, a gay man who was tortured and murdered in his home in Mombasa in 2021. Witnesses reported that Mosoti had received threats due to his involvement with local queer community groups.¹⁷⁷

In two more recent cases, family members and queer human rights defenders pressured law enforcement to carry out due criminal investigations.¹⁷⁸ As a result, perpetrators were convicted in the killings of nonbinary lesbian Sheila Lumumba in Nyeri County in 2022 and of gay activist Edwin Chiloba in Elgeyo–Marakwet County in 2023.¹⁷⁹ Chiloba’s killer was sentenced to 50 years in prison for sexual assault and “premeditated, malicious, and aggravated homicide.”¹⁸⁰ In Lumumba’s case, their family, friends, and human rights defenders themselves located weapons and CCTV footage that the police had failed to uncover, and launched the #JusticeforSheila campaign to force law enforcement to investigate and prosecute the sexual assault and murder. A suspect was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison.¹⁸¹

The National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission reports that cases of violence against LGBTIQ people are typically only investigated when there is “enormous pressure and outcry” on the part of civil society.¹⁸² Further, the lack of legal protection, along with “fierce backlash, hate speech, disinformation and threats” when LGBTIQ people seek redress, can contribute to underreporting.¹⁸³ The Kenyan government should decriminalize same-sex conduct and establish legislation protecting LGBTIQ people from hate crimes and institutionalized violence.



Namibia

CASE STUDY

In recent years, LGBTIQ people’s human rights have been intensely debated at the government and social levels in **Namibia**.¹⁸⁴ In June 2024, the Namibia High Court declared the laws banning same-sex relationships unconstitutional.¹⁸⁵ But according to civil society organizations, politicians’ unchecked hate speech and legislative backtracking on human rights have contributed to generalized discrimination and violence.¹⁸⁶

In September and December 2023, Gerome Helgrain in the Ikharas region and Vernon Gavin in the Erongo region, both gay men, were robbed, raped, and murdered in their homes.¹⁸⁷ Both cases are in progress, and no conclusion on motive has been reached.¹⁸⁸ In March 2024, in Oshikoto, another gay man, Gurney Elrich Uirab, was stabbed to death by a perpetrator who reportedly called him homophobic slurs in the street.¹⁸⁹ There were no reports of arrests.

Two trans women were also murdered in 2024, both in Khomas. Lucky “Queen” Uwuseb’s body was found decomposing on a riverbed after she had gone missing three days prior in March 2024; her family believes her murder was a hate crime.¹⁹⁰ A suspect was remanded pending further investigations.¹⁹¹ In May, Sexy Frederik was killed in a brutal attack: she was stabbed 61 times and her genitals mutilated.¹⁹² Two men were charged with murder and sexual assault, with proceedings ongoing; as of this writing, they had reportedly pleaded guilty to Frederik’s murder, while denying the rape charges.¹⁹³

Activist Friedel Dausab of Positive Vibes, a human rights organization, linked the string of murders to hateful rhetoric in parliament, which escalated in the lead-up to a 2024 legislative ban on same-sex marriage:

One of the important things to mention is that, for those two days in parliament there was a rampant dehumanization of LGBTQ people. Words like Satanists and Demonic were used. Like these LGBTQ people are not citizens, like they are not brothers and sisters, like they do not deserve respect.¹⁹⁴

FRIEDEL DAUSAB, POSITIVE VIBES

Positive Vibes further condemned inadequate investigations and the authorities’ failure to recognize the prejudice-motivated nature of the crimes.¹⁹⁵



Nigeria

CASE STUDY

In **Nigeria**, several laws criminalize LGBTIQ people, with variations in each region. The federal Criminal Code Act punishes consensual same-sex acts with up to 14 years of imprisonment.¹⁹⁶ In 12 of Nigeria’s 36 states in which Shariah has been adopted, sodomy is punishable by lashes, imprisonment, or death by stoning.¹⁹⁷ “Lesbianism” is also criminalized and punished with caning and imprisonment in ten of these states; in Kano and Katsina, it is punishable with death.¹⁹⁸ In 2014, Nigeria explicitly prohibited same-sex marriages, the “promotion” of same sex unions, and participation in or support for gay clubs and gay meetings.¹⁹⁹ Such laws are, at times, actively enforced by police, including as a pretext to solicit bribes.²⁰⁰ A 2024 regulation bans queer people from serving in the

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Nigerian states have adopted Shariah, under which sodomy is punishable by lashes, imprisonment, or death by stoning

armed forces, equating same-sex conduct and gender nonconformity with bestiality.²⁰¹ These laws exacerbate discrimination and foster impunity for violence: queer crime victims may be unable to file complaints without “outing” themselves and being subjected to the risk of arrest.

Criminal groups all too readily exploit LGBTIQ people’s legal vulnerability, targeting them in robberies or scams.²⁰² In some cases, victims are lured through online platforms under the pretense of romantic or sexual companionship and then blackmailed, robbed, or attacked. In October 2025, a criminal gang murdered 23-year-old Hilary Ikechukwu Emereole, a gay man, after luring him into an apartment, beating him, and extorting him. When he tried to shout for help, the assailants threw him out of the window.²⁰³ According to the human rights organization Minority Watch, police requested funds to “mobilize” the investigation process, a common barrier in police engagements, and no arrests had been made as of June 2026.²⁰⁴

In other cases, members of the public “punish” those they suspect of being LGBTIQ. Such was the case of the murders of secondary school students Hamza Idris-Tofawa and Umar Yusuf-Dungurawa in July 2025.²⁰⁵ Their classmates accused them of being gay and attacked them, beating them to death.²⁰⁶ The group also beat two other students who survived. Police arrested 11 students in connection with the murders, but no further developments have been shared publicly on the investigation.²⁰⁷ The Ministry of Education in Kano State urged students to “avoid taking law into their hands,” although Kano State’s own laws make sodomy and “lesbianism” punishable with death, which contributes to violence and discrimination as well as impunity.²⁰⁸



South Africa

CASE STUDY

South Africa has taken numerous steps to protect LGBTIQ people’s rights and is the only country in sub-Saharan Africa to include protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation in its constitution.²⁰⁹ Despite a protective legal framework, violence against LGBTIQ people, including killings, remains prevalent.²¹⁰ This occurs in a wider context of high rates of gender-based violence, including femicides and intimate partner violence.²¹¹ In 2025, the

government declared gender-based violence “a national emergency.”²¹²

In 2024, South Africa passed legislation to create the new criminal offenses of “hate crime” and “hate speech” through the Prevention and Combating of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Act in 2024.²¹³ Despite these measures, at least 14 queer people have been murdered in suspected hate crimes since 2024.²¹⁴ Although police have opened investigations in some of these cases, at least one victim’s family members recently denounced “a lack of urgency from authorities” in bringing perpetrators to justice.²¹⁵

The annex of this report compiles 36 targeted killings of queer people since 2020, including three children under 18, all cases in which human rights defenders or the families of the victims believe these to have been murders motivated by the sexual orientations or gender identities of the victims.²¹⁶ Some killings show explicit homophobic or transphobic intent. For instance, in the murders of gay men Diego Jacobs in Cape Town in February 2024 and Sipho Mahlinza in the Eastern Cape in September 2024, their assailants reportedly used homophobic slurs during the attacks.²¹⁷ On February 15, 2025, Imam Muhsin Hendricks, an openly gay champion for human rights and LGBTIQ people’s inclusion in faith spaces, was murdered after facing death threats.²¹⁸ Imam Hendricks was shot dead by two masked suspects who ambushed his vehicle and fired multiple shots, killing Hendricks and injuring the driver.²¹⁹ There have been no arrests in Imam Hendricks’ murder case, leading members of his Muslim queer organization, the Al-Ghurbaah Foundation, to charge that the authorities’ silence and inaction “reinforces the dangerous idea that it is acceptable to kill queer Muslims.”²²⁰

The brutality of attacks in other documented cases also points to hate crimes. For instance, in June 2021, an unknown assailant stabbed Masixole Level, a gay man, 16 times to death in the Eastern Cape. Family members suspected the attack was because of his sexuality.²²¹ Khulekani Gomazi, a trans woman who was killed in April 2021 in KwaZulu-Natal, was beaten, burned in the mouth with battery acid, and seemingly dragged from a car after a group of people accused her of making sexual advances on a teenager. Two suspects were charged with murder.²²²

Human rights groups have attributed responsibility for the high level of hate crimes to “the National Prosecuting Authority, the police, and other law enforcement officials, who they say have not done enough

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queer people have been murdered in suspected hate crimes in South Africa since 2024

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targeted killings of queer people in South Africa since 2020 are compiled in the annex, including three children under 18

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MEMBERS OF THE AL-GHURBAAH FOUNDATION

to arrest and prosecute perpetrators.”²²³ Laws and policies addressing gender-based violence, including bias-motivated hate crimes, must be accompanied by the allocation of resources to implement such policies, along with increased mechanisms for accessing justice and programs that address social stigma and harmful gender norms.

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

SOUTHWEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA

CASE STUDIES

Iraq

Most countries in the Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA) region criminalize same-sex sexual acts. In **Iran, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen**, same-sex sexual acts may be punishable by death, and they are also criminalized in **Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates**, and parts of **Palestine**.²²⁴

Since 2011, **Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon**, and the Kurdistan Region in **Iraq** have all repealed provisions that allowed for leniency and “extenuating circumstances” in so-called honor killings—crimes that often target women, and can also impact sexual and gender minorities.²²⁵ In practice, however, judges have continued to reduce sentences for offenders by invoking extenuating circumstances, even after their legal basis was removed.²²⁶ Typical of legal systems that criminalize and routinely target queer people, no country in this region recognizes hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics.²²⁷

A significant number of military and paramilitary occupations and conflicts over territorial control expose LGBTIQ people to additional vulnerabilities, violence, and persecution.²²⁸ Although this precedes the period covered by this report, it is worth noting the executions of men accused of same-sex conduct by the extremist group Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in the territories it controlled within the **Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, and Libya**. Outright estimated that ISIS executed at least 41 people accused of “sodomy” in Syria and Iraq between 2014 and 2016, including by stoning them and throwing them off buildings.²²⁹ The shocking extent and nature of the killings prompted the first-ever discussion at the UN Security Council of murders in the context of conflict based on sexual orientation and gender identity in 2015.²³⁰

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people accused of “sodomy” were executed by ISIS in Syria and Iraq between 2014 and 2016, Outright estimated

In January and February 2024 in **Yemen**, the Houthis, a militant group, sentenced to death 23 individuals, 13 of whom were to die by public stoning or crucifixion for “homosexuality,” “spreading immorality,” and “immoral acts.”²³¹ Outright was unable to determine whether the sentences had been carried out at the time of writing.

Family members, too, have killed or harmed relatives for identities that don’t conform to cisheteronormative expectations. In **Iran**, Parsa, a 17-year-old, was killed by their father on January 30, 2024, over Parsa wearing makeup, shaving their body hair, hair-dyeing, and gender nonconforming behavior.²³² The father had previously subjected Parsa to conversion practices, including forced psychotherapy and periods of confinement at home, before he decided that Parsa’s “disgusting behavior” had “humiliated the family” and he had “to get rid of Parsa forever.”²³³ He was convicted and sentenced to three years in prison, but eventually served only six months.²³⁴

Iraq

CASE STUDY

In **Iraq**, hateful political and religious discourse fan the flames of societal queerphobia, contributing to violence and impunity.²³⁵ The policy environment has also deteriorated: in 2024, the Parliament passed a bill punishing same-sex relations with up to 15 years’ imprisonment and criminalizing “promoting homosexuality” and “biological sex changes.”²³⁶

Iraq’s numerous armed groups, some directly linked to the government, persecute sexual and gender minorities for violating the perpetrators’ purported moral and religious beliefs.²³⁷ Human Rights Watch published this testimony from an interviewee with Laith (pseudonym) regarding Iraqi armed groups:

They sent me a picture of Moqtada al-Sadr [an influential Shia cleric who has made anti-LGBT statements] and said, “We have been cleaning the city from people like you for years.” I didn’t think anything would happen because everyone receives threats online and most of the time nothing happens. After receiving these threats, my

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maximum prison sentence for same-sex relations under the bill passed by Iraq’s Parliament in 2024

boyfriend said he felt like someone was following him. A couple of months later [in May 2020], he was killed.²³⁸

LAITH (PSEUDONYM), IN TESTIMONY PUBLISHED BY HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Human Rights Watch also reported that Khadija, a trans woman, survived an attempted murder in February 2021; a paramilitary group attacked her on her way home, beat her, cut her with razors and screwdrivers, and set her on fire.²³⁹

Families can also be a source of violence in Iraq, with recorded cases of so-called honor killings. In Kurdistan, 23-year-old trans woman Doski Azad was killed by her brother in January 2021 after her family had threatened her with death because of her gender.²⁴⁰ In another case in June 2021, a mother told journalists that she believed her son, a trans man named Misho, had been killed by her husband and stepchildren because of his gender identity.²⁴¹

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

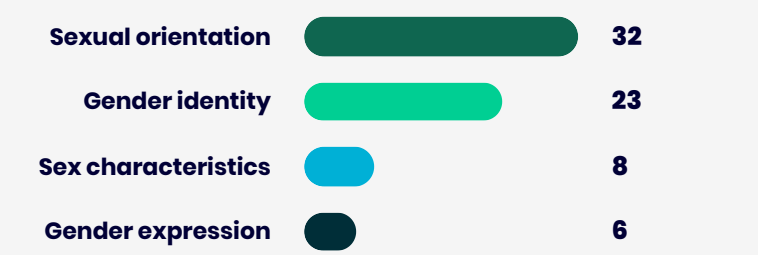
CASE STUDIES

Russia/Chechnya

The context of LGBTIQ people’s human rights in Europe and Central Asia varies significantly across countries. Thirty-two UN member states in this region prohibit hate crimes based on sexual orientation, while 23, six, and eight UN member states in the region do so based on gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics, respectively.²⁴² **Kosovo, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, San Marino, and Sweden** also have constitutional protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation, and the judiciary in **Spain** has interpreted the constitutional prohibition of discrimination to include sexual orientation and gender identity.²⁴³ **Malta** is the only country in this region to expressly prohibit discrimination based on gender identity constitutionally, and no country in the world constitutionally prohibits discrimination based on sex characteristics.²⁴⁴

HATE CRIME LAWS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

UN member states in the region that prohibit hate crimes on each ground



Source: ILGA World. See endnote 242.

Only two countries in the Europe and Central Asia region, **Turkmenistan** and **Uzbekistan**, still criminalize consensual same-sex acts between adults.²⁴⁵ In **Türkiye** in June 2026, the parliament considered adding provisions that criminalize queer people in the

12th Judicial Package, but later removed such provisions after international opposition.²⁴⁶ At the same time, countries that have been considered relatively safer for LGBTIQ people have experienced setbacks. In the **United Kingdom**, the Supreme Court ruled in April 2025 that the legal definition of women is based on “biological sex,” excluding trans women from this definition and consequently from legal protections, programs, and policies.²⁴⁷

Policy-level antagonism of trans people’s existence may play a role in stoking violence. In February 2023, 16-year-old trans teenager Brianna Ghey was murdered in Culcheth, Warrington, in the **U.K.**²⁴⁸ Two 15-year-old adolescents, who had previously discussed extensively via text messages their intention to kill her, lured her into a park and stabbed her to death.²⁴⁹ One of the teenagers had texted the other, “I want to see if it will scream like a man or a girl.”²⁵⁰ The judge considered transphobia as an aggravating factor and sentenced the convicted teenagers to life in prison, with minimum terms of 22 and 20 years.²⁵¹

A striking hate crime in **Spain** occurred in July 2021, when a group of people beat Samuel Luiz, a gay man, to death in the street in Galicia.²⁵² According to witnesses, one aggressor yelled homophobic slurs at him and punched him, and later came back with over a dozen other people to chase and kick him to death.²⁵³ Four adult men were convicted of the murder in 2025, one of them with aggravating circumstances of discrimination based on sexual orientation.²⁵⁴ Although Spain has legal and institutional infrastructure to address cases of violence against LGBTIQ people, according to the organization Federación Estatal de Lesbianas, Gais, Trans, Bisexuales, Intersexuales y más, around 40% of victims of violence, harassment, or discrimination do not report their cases to authorities.²⁵⁵ LGBTIQ people perceive that reporting “won’t do any good” or will not lead to anything, or fear that authorities will not believe them. Some report that the investigation process was “just as traumatic” as the violence.²⁵⁶ This suggests gaps in the implementation of the progressive LGBTIQ policies the country has in place.

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Russia/Chechnya

CASE STUDY

The **Russian Federation** has spent more than a decade criminalizing an increasing number of forms of LGBTIQ expression, activism, and

organizing, going as far as to ban “displaying non-heterosexual orientation” and designating queer organizing as “extremist” and illegal.²⁵⁷ In the midst of this surge in institutionalized discrimination, Russia’s semi-autonomous republic of Chechnya launched an “anti-gay purge” in 2017 in which security officials unofficially detained, starved, and tortured men suspected of being gay.²⁵⁸ Then, officials outed the men to their families to encourage honor killings, which are known to be common in Chechnya, but are challenging to document due to the “private” and “secretive” nature of family matters.²⁵⁹ In 2023, the European Court of Human Rights handed down a ruling on the case of Maxim Lapunov, a survivor of the anti-gay purge, finding that he had been subjected to torture by state agents on account of his sexual orientation.²⁶⁰

Despite international approbation, some Chechen officials continue to defend honor killings. Political figures like Ruslan Kutayev, a former member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and Ramzan Kadyrov, Head of the Chechen Republic, have defended the practice.²⁶¹ In an interview on April 24, 2024, Kutayev queried a journalist who asked whether a family member has the right to kill a relative for “shaming” them, stating, “Why does a member of that family have the right to shame that family?...Whatever they do—kill, bring home, expel, arrange a wedding—the family decides.”²⁶²

Such incendiary language contributes to unfortunately unsurprising outcomes. In November 2025, Aliya Ozdamirova, a queer woman who had fled Chechnya for Georgia due to fear that she could be killed because of her sexual orientation, was forcibly returned to Russia by a family member and reportedly died the same day.²⁶³ Her family declared she died from natural causes, but the civil society group North Caucasus SOS believes it to be an honor killing. Ozdamirova had previously told North Caucasus SOS, in a recorded conversation from Chechnya, “Every minute I risk my life—either they will kill me here, or they will cut me up.”²⁶⁴

The Russian Federation is obligated to safeguard the human rights of LGBTIQ people, starting with expressing firm and unconditional opposition to all so-called honor killings and repealing all laws that criminalize LGBTIQ existence and advocacy.

“Every minute I risk my life—either they will kill me here, or they will cut me up.”

**ALIYA OZDAMIROVA, IN A
RECORDED CONVERSATION
WITH NORTH CAUCASUS SOS**

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

ASIA

CASE STUDIES

Afghanistan

India

Pakistan

Several countries in Asia criminalize consensual same-sex sexual acts. These are **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.**²⁶⁵ Throughout Asia, LGBTIQ people lack sufficient protection from discrimination and violence.²⁶⁶ With the exception of **Mongolia's** Criminal Code of 2017, the region lacks hate crime laws that protect sexual and gender minorities from violence or recognize bias based on sexuality or gender as an aggravating circumstance in cases of violence.²⁶⁷ According to a 2025 survey of 403 transgender and gender-diverse people in India, Malaysia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka by the Asia Pacific Transgender Network, one in three trans women surveyed had experienced physical assault, and two in five had experienced sexual violence, including sexual assault and rape threats.²⁶⁸

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Afghanistan

CASE STUDY

Violence against LGBTIQ people has escalated and become institutionalized since the Taliban returned to power in August 2021.²⁶⁹ Consensual same-sex intimacy is criminalized, and “habitual” same-sex conduct is punishable with death.²⁷⁰ The Taliban enacted a law that empowers a morality police to punish individuals for “moral crimes.”²⁷¹ Outright International and other human rights organizations have documented ongoing human rights violations against people of queer experience in Afghanistan, including extrajudicial executions and other targeted killings, physical assault, and death threats.²⁷²

One of the cases that Outright documented was that of Ghulam, an activist who provided counseling services to LGBTIQ people. He went missing in January 2022, and his body was found a week later bearing signs of beatings and sexual assault.²⁷³ The family believed

the Taliban was responsible.²⁷⁴ In August 2022, the Taliban abducted 22-year-old gay man Hamed Sabouri, tortured and murdered him, and sent the family a video of his execution.²⁷⁵ In other cases, families themselves were complicit in acts of violence: several queer Afghans told Outright that members of their families sought to gain protection from Taliban violence, or even settle old scores, by reporting them to the Taliban. While a number of queer Afghans have sought to flee the country, the almost absolute lack of options for resettlement leaves many exposed to an ongoing risk of grave violence at the hands of state or non-state actors.²⁷⁶

In a landmark decision in July 2025, the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued arrest warrants for Taliban officials responsible for gender persecution against “women and persons whom the Taliban perceived as not conforming with their ideological expectations of gender identity or expression.”²⁷⁷



July 2025. The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Taliban officials responsible for gender persecution.



India

CASE STUDY

India has advanced in legal recognition of the rights of LGBTIQ people in the past decades, including through the decriminalization of same-sex relations in 2018 and the enactment of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act in 2019.²⁷⁸ However, these developments do not adequately address hate-motivated violence. According to civil society groups, “underreporting, biased investigations, and inadequate law enforcement responses hinder effective enforcement.”²⁷⁹

Some murders of queer people in India are “honor killings” carried out by family members. In September 2021, Sumit Kumar fatally stabbed his father, Reshpal Kumar, a gay man, accusing him of tarnishing the family’s reputation by being in a same-sex relationship.²⁸⁰ That same year, a transgender teenager, Dakshayani, was murdered by her 25-year-old brother for bringing “shame” to their family.²⁸¹

In June 2023, police in Uttar Pradesh arrested Ram Niwas and Preeti Sagar on charges of murdering Poonam Kumari, a 27-year-old woman from Shahjahanpur. Police investigations, initiated after Kumari’s brother reported her missing, uncovered a shocking and multilayered crime. Sagar and Kumari were reportedly in a same-sex

romantic relationship, while Kumari was under pressure from her family to marry a man. Niwas, a self-described tantrik, or ritual healer, was in touch with Sagar's mother and told her that he could carry out a ritual to change Kumari's gender, making her male, so that she could marry Sagar. Niwas used this pretext to lure Kumari to a deserted location, where he reportedly strangled her and disposed of her body. Police recovered eleven bones near Sagar's house for forensic testing. They charged Niwas, who reportedly confessed to the crime, with murder, criminal conspiracy, and destruction of evidence.²⁸² India has no hate crime statute covering sexual orientation.



Pakistan

CASE STUDY

In **Pakistan**, same-sex sexual acts are prohibited under Section 377 of the colonial-era penal code.²⁸³ Although prosecutions under this law are rare, it contributes to an environment of stigma, discrimination, and abuse.²⁸⁴ No law addresses hate crimes against queer people in Pakistan.²⁸⁵

Despite Pakistan's centuries-old cultural recognition of people of trans experience, many victims of hate crimes are trans. A 2018 study conducted among 189 trans people in Islamabad and Rawalpindi found that 80% of respondents reported having experienced physical assaults due to their gender identity.²⁸⁶ In 2022, five trans women were killed, and eight were injured in the span of a month.²⁸⁷

In September 2025, unidentified assailants shot three trans women to death at close range, leaving their bodies by the roadside.²⁸⁸ The murders occurred amid what the organization Gender Interactive Alliance described as the "systemic" targeting of trans and gender-diverse people.²⁸⁹ In November 2025, an unknown assailant killed two trans people, Zakir Khan and Shahab "Dollar," in a rented room they used for music events, alongside a third person, Irshad Khattaki, who survived.²⁹⁰ The motive for Khan's and Dollar's murders is still unknown. There were no reports on arrests for these murders.

So-called honor killings are common in certain regions of Pakistan and are usually tied to transgressions of traditional gender roles.²⁹¹ Generally, these killings go unreported or are falsely reported as suicide or natural deaths.²⁹² In July 2025, a man killed his 21-year-old child, Ali Khan, by applying electric shocks to their body and then

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beating them to death with a shovel. The man admitted to the police that his actions were due to his child's friendships with transgender people, while an activist in Pakistan told Outright that Khan himself was trans.²⁹³ Khan's father was remanded in police custody pending further investigation, and Outright is not aware of the case proceeding to trial. In September 2020, there was another "honor killing" case: 13-year-old Muhammad Hammad shot his trans sibling, Saeeda Khan, after Khan danced at an event, because the family disapproved of Khan's lifestyle.²⁹⁴ After her death, police continued to misgender and deadname Saeeda Khan.²⁹⁵

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

OCEANIA

CASE STUDIES

Fiji

In the region of Oceania, several countries criminalize same-sex activity under colonial-era laws: **Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, and Tuvalu.**²⁹⁶ Other states provide limited human rights protections for queer people. **Australia** prohibits hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and intersex status.²⁹⁷ **Fiji** prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in its constitution, one of the few countries to do so.²⁹⁸ The **Marshall Islands, Micronesia, New Zealand, and Vanuatu** have all legislated some prohibitions on identity-based discrimination.²⁹⁹

Yet transphobia and homophobia remain widespread problems that endanger LGBTIQ lives.³⁰⁰ There have been multiple instances of deadly violence against LGBTIQ people in several countries.³⁰¹ In the **French** overseas territory of **New Caledonia** in February 2026, a trans woman identified only by the name “Joëlla” was beaten, stripped naked, and kicked to death.³⁰² Two men have been arrested in connection with her murder, with transphobia a “leading theory” in the investigation.³⁰³

Australia continues to reckon with the historic legacy of a wave of hate-motivated violence that targeted gay men and trans women between 1970 and 2010 in Sydney. Police and civil society reviews identified 88 suspicious deaths during this period as possibly connected to anti-LGBTIQ bias, with dozens confirmed or strongly suspected as gang-perpetrated hate killings and around 30 remaining unsolved.³⁰⁴ Hate-motivated killings of LGBTIQ people now appear less widespread, but violence remains a threat. In January 2020, Hector Valencia killed 69-year-old trans sex worker Kimberley McRae after hiring her services and discovering she was trans.³⁰⁵ He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, but the judge dismissed hate crimes charges.³⁰⁶

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Even in **New Zealand**, a country with relatively progressive laws regarding sexual and gender diversity, one in five trans and nonbinary people have been threatened with physical violence.³⁰⁷



CASE STUDY

Fiji has one of the highest rates of gender-based violence in the world: about seven in ten women report having experienced physical and/or sexual abuse since they turned 15, and police recorded over 1,500 cases of violence against women in 2020, including murder, attempted murder, and manslaughter.³⁰⁸ Within this already severe context, queer people “experience higher rates and more severe forms of violence from partners, family members, and communities, alongside compounded barriers to protection and justice.”³⁰⁹

In 2018, Lucky Salavuki, a trans woman, was murdered by blunt force trauma to the head, in what a representative from Haus of Khameleon, a human rights organization, believed to be a hate crime.³¹⁰ A trans human rights activist, speaking of the crime, said the queer community experienced a “lack of trust with the Fiji Police Force due to fear of discrimination, harassment and violence which really discourages LGBT people from working in cooperation with law enforcement, particularly with cases of hate crimes,” and that there was no “confidence that those responsible would be brought to justice.”³¹¹ A suspect was tried and acquitted due to gaps in the police investigation.³¹²

In 2024, trans sex worker Esther Ravato died as a result of what police described as medical complications; in contrast, the Coalition for Human Rights, a nongovernmental organization, told media that witnesses said Ravato was tortured and killed.³¹³

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trans and nonbinary people in New Zealand have been threatened with physical violence

ABOUT

7 in 10

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04

EMERGING THEMES

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Violent Extremism Against LGBTIQ People

Across regions, LGBTIQ people face certain patterns of violence that require specific measures to prevent and address. The following sections of this brief provide evidence of such patterns that transcend regional trends. Such cases highlight the urgent need for states to uphold the human rights obligation of “responding appropriately to patterns of violence against categories of victims,” as articulated by the UN Human Rights Committee.³¹⁴



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LGBTIQ Killings as Gender-Based Violence

All killings on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics are forms of gender-based violence. A strong international norm opposing all forms of gender-based violence has developed over several decades. However, some governments and other stakeholders, including, at times, the UN, appear to exclusively consider women and girls—often, those perceived as cisgender and heterosexual—in discussions of how to eradicate gender-based violence. As Outright has argued elsewhere:

[C]entering women and girls in discussions of gender-based violence makes good sense. But in principle, the discourse of “gender-based violence” ought to open up ample space to discuss the gendered norms and hierarchies that contribute to violence not only against women, but also against queer, trans, and intersex people of all genders...[G]ender-based violence is, at its root, a result of rigid gender binaries and norms—and patriarchy’s insistence on enforcing them through physical, emotional, and economic violence.³¹⁵

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The cases documented in this report demonstrate the violent logic of anti-LGBTIQ violence: queer men are killed because they are

judged not to be “man enough” to deserve to live. Queer women are killed because they have the audacity to decenter men in their intimate lives. Trans and nonbinary people are killed because they upend the entire system of violently rigid gender roles and norms upon which patriarchy depends—a system that also rests on asserting an inviolable sex binary, which intersex people’s existence calls into question.

All states and multilateral institutions, such as the UN, when working to address gender-based violence, should take into account violence against queer people of all genders and sexualities. With that said, this section goes on to highlight the particular vulnerability of queer women and trans people to targeted killings.

Gender-Based and Hate-Motivated Killings of Lesbian, Bisexual, and Queer Women

Lesbian, bisexual, and queer women face the risk of lethal violence due to bias against their sexual orientations, misogyny, and elevated risks around intimate partner violence.³¹⁶

On May 6, 2024, in Buenos Aires, **Argentina**, a suspect threw a Molotov cocktail into the home of his four lesbian neighbors at night, setting them on fire and hitting and pushing them back into the fire when they tried to escape the room.³¹⁷ Within a week, Pamela Fabiana Cobbas, Mercedes Roxana Figueroa, and Andrea Amarante died from their injuries, leaving one survivor, Sofía Castro Riglos. The accused had previously threatened at least two of them with death and had called them “monsters” for being lesbians. Although the victims filed harassment complaints with a legal aid office, no actions were taken to prevent an escalation of violence.³¹⁸ A government spokesperson ignored the aggravated circumstances of hatred based on sexual orientation and gender identity leading to the crime, by stating that “I don’t like to define it as an attack toward a specific group or collective; it’s wrong; it’s terrible, reprehensible, whoever it may be against.”³¹⁹ The trial is ongoing.³²⁰

The killings of LGBTIQ people are often characterized by the intersection with other forms of gender-based violence. This includes sexual assault, targeting primarily lesbian and bisexual women, trans people, and nonbinary people, and intimate partner violence.³²¹

Nonhlanhla Kunene, Anele Bhengu, Sheila Lebelo, and Thapelo Sehata were all lesbians who were raped and murdered in South Africa in 2021, part of a wave of at least 20 reported anti-LGBTIQ

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anti-LGBTIQ killings were reported across South Africa in 2021

killings across the country that year.³²² Bhengu’s alleged killer had reportedly already faced 29 prior counts of rape and murder before her killing became his 30th. Pre-trial proceedings in her case were later postponed after the police docket went missing, which the leader of a queer human rights organization in KwaZulu-Natal condemned as a delaying tactic.³²³ The three other murders remain unsolved and fit within the broader pattern of violence against sexual minority women in South Africa.³²⁴ A South African lesbian couple, Minenhle Ngcobo and Xolani Xaka, were shot and killed by Minenhle’s former boyfriend during an argument in August 2024.³²⁵

There are also documented cases of straight, cisgender men retaliating violently against queer women who refuse their advances. The **U.S.** mass shooter at the Nudieland event, described in the U.S. section, had attempted to flirt with two lesbians, leaving the event after being rejected and then returning to open fire.³²⁶ In **South Africa**, a lesbian woman, Phelokazi Mqathanya, was stabbed to death in May 2021 after she demanded that a man stop touching her buttocks.³²⁷ In the **Dominican Republic**, an army sergeant shot Yamel Ismerla Félix Pérez, a lesbian, six times outside a nightclub on December 31, 2022, after the two had argued—reportedly because she refused to dance with him.³²⁸ He allegedly hurled insults at her identity as he opened fire, saying, “You’ve got to take down these ‘tomboys’ and birds—they’re ruining the country. You’re no man!”³²⁹ Pérez died two days later in the hospital from her injuries.³³⁰ The sergeant was arrested and is awaiting hearing.

Gender-Based Violence and Hate-Motivated Killings of Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex People

Transgender and gender-diverse people face targeted attacks due to widespread transphobia. In the **U.S.**, Human Rights Campaign described an “epidemic” of violence against transgender and gender nonconforming people, 33 of whom were killed between November 2022 and November 2023.³³¹ That epidemic extends beyond borders, as seen throughout this report.

Human Rights Campaign also reported that “approximately seven in ten transgender and gender non-conforming people killed as a result of fatal violence were killed by an acquaintance, friend, family member or intimate partner” in 2020.³³² This report finds that globally, a significant number of murders of trans people are a result of domestic or intimate partner violence. At times, this violence is intertwined with clear anti-trans animus. In two different incidents in

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transgender and gender nonconforming people were killed in the U.S. between November 2022 and November 2023, Human Rights Campaign reported

the U.S. in 2020 and 2024, respectively, Brayla Stone and Tayy Dior Thomas, both 17-year-old trans girls, were killed by romantic or sexual partners who sought to “conceal” their relationships, fearing it would be publicly known that they were dating trans people.³³³ Stone’s boyfriend pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 50 years’ imprisonment for first-degree murder.³³⁴ Because Stone was killed in Arkansas, one of only four U.S. states with no hate crime statute at all, no aggravating circumstances were contemplated.³³⁵ Thomas’s assailant, charged in Alabama, had not been convicted as of writing, but will also not face hate crimes charges: Alabama’s hate crimes statute recognizes “race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, or physical or mental disability,” but not gender identity or sexual orientation.³³⁶

Also in the U.S., River Nevaeh Goddard, a 17-year-old nonbinary teen from Rhode Island, was killed in 2024 by an abusive boyfriend after running away in 2022 from a reportedly abusive home.³³⁷ The U.S. advocacy organization GLAAD described the murder as a case in which queer young people “are failed by the adults and systems entrusted to protect them, and do not feel they have anywhere to turn in times of crisis.”³³⁸

In 2022 in **Estonia**, a man punched and stabbed Sabrina Houston, an immigrant trans woman, after they went to her apartment with the intent to have intercourse, and he discovered she was trans.³³⁹ He was sentenced to 12 years in prison.³⁴⁰ In **Serbia** in July 2023, the partner of 18-year-old trans woman, Noa Milivojev, killed her in his apartment and dismembered her body, confessing to the crime upon his arrest.³⁴¹ In **Georgia**, in 2024, Kesaria Abramidze, a trans woman, was murdered in her home after repeated instances of abuse.³⁴² Abramidze’s partner had reportedly called her a “mistake of nature,” misgendered her, physically assaulted her, and sought to control her.³⁴³ The killer was charged with premeditated murder with cruelty and gender-based motivations as aggravating circumstances. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in April 2025.³⁴⁴ As with cases involving cisgender heterosexual women, police often miss warning signs when trans people are subjected to domestic violence. In **Spain** in May 2026, a man fatally stabbed his former partner, Kimberli, in a public square, roughly two hours after being released from police custody, in broad daylight.³⁴⁵ The suspect was in pretrial detention as of this writing.³⁴⁶ The victim, Kimberli, was a Honduran trans woman who had obtained a restraining order against the Spanish national two days

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earlier, after her second report of domestic violence against him in as many days. Days before the killing, police had already documented her injuries—bruising, facial wounds, and abrasions—and seized a 10.5-centimeter folding knife from the suspect, yet the police risk questionnaire concluded there was no risk of her suffering serious physical harm.³⁴⁷

In 2023 in **Puerto Rico**, a 22-year-old trans man, Luis Ángel Díaz Castro, was killed by his abusive former boyfriend, Domingo Rafael Aquino Ubri, who hid his body in a closet in his own San Juan apartment. Aquino Ubri had been jailed earlier that year after Díaz Castro reported him for domestic violence, and killed him the same day he was released.³⁴⁸

Other murders of trans people are linked with sexual violence. In **France** in 2021, a man raped and murdered Paula Migeon, a trans woman, in her home, and burnt her clothing, setting her apartment on fire.³⁴⁹ The assailant, who was already under judicial supervision for attempted murder of a trans sex worker in 2017, was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment for aggravated murder and rape for hatred against the victim's gender identity.³⁵⁰ In **the Philippines** in 2021, three people robbed, raped, mutilated, and killed a trans man, Ebeng Mayor, in what the Quezon City mayor and advocacy groups described as a hate crime.³⁵¹



While just two murders of **intersex people** are documented in this report, intersex people, like other sexual and gender minorities, are at heightened risk of gender-based violence. In 2022 in **Kenya**, an unknown perpetrator raped and murdered an intersex person, Rose Mbesa.³⁵² Civil society groups condemned Mbesa's killing, describing a context where femicide and anti-LGBTIQ violence "continues to be accepted, tolerated and justified."³⁵³ In **Colombia**, unidentified armed assailants shot Cristina Ramírez, an intersex woman, in 2024, a killing that occurred in the context of other targeted acts of violence against queer people.³⁵⁴ Intersex people face targeted violence arising from prejudice against their sex characteristics, and although not extensively documented, intersex children are also killed for this reason.³⁵⁵ All states have a duty to prevent violence and killings against intersex children and adults.



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Hate Crimes and Gender-Based Violence Across Borders: The Killings of LGBTIQ Migrants

LGBTIQ migrants and refugees encounter higher risks of violence and reduced legal protections.³⁵⁶ Many LGBTIQ people immigrate from countries in which their sexual orientation or gender identity represents a safety risk, in search of protection.³⁵⁷ However, receiving states often lack the legal and institutional infrastructure or political will to sufficiently provide such protections.³⁵⁸

According to the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions, “without State protection, LGBTIQ+ refugees may be subjected to violence.”³⁵⁹ Such is the case of Chriton “Trinidad” Atuhwera, a 22-year-old Ugandan national who died when a section of Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya was fire-bombed in an apparent queerphobic attack in 2021.³⁶⁰ In **Türkiye** in 2024, state officials publicly shared on social media the identity and HIV status of a trans asylum seeker from Syria during her application process, making her the target of hate speech online.³⁶¹ She was denied asylum and refouled to Syria, where she was reportedly killed.³⁶²

Migrant sex workers are disproportionately impacted by discrimination, violence, and barriers to services and support.³⁶³ In **France** in 2024, a client killed a Peruvian trans sex worker, Géraldine, after discovering her trans identity.³⁶⁴ The prosecutor’s office opened an investigation into murder aggravated by the victim’s sexual orientation or gender identity, and there is no outcome yet.³⁶⁵

In **Russia** in 2020, a client killed and dismembered a trans sex worker, 24-year-old Jamshud Khatamzhonov, who had immigrated from Uzbekistan.³⁶⁶ In **Estonia** in 2022, a man stabbed Sabrina Houston, a Jamaican immigrant trans woman, to death.³⁶⁷ In **Italy** in 2022, a former mob member killed three sex workers, including a Colombian trans woman, in an apartment.³⁶⁸ In 2023, a trans woman and sex worker from Cuba, Anna Ivankova (also known as Anna Hernández), was found murdered in her home in **Greece**.³⁶⁹



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In some cases, criminal groups take advantage of social stigma and the criminalization of LGBTIQ identities to target sexual and gender minorities through dating apps—setting them up for extortion, robbery, assault, and even murder. Gay men, in particular, have been targeted in killings related to dating apps.

Such was the case of “kito” in **Nigeria**, the modus operandi through which a gay man was murdered in 2025.³⁷⁰ In **Brazil** in 2024, at least four gay men were robbed and murdered after encountering their assailants through dating apps.³⁷¹ In **India**, too, gay dating apps have been used to set up men for robbery and murder. In 2020, two men were arrested in Delhi for killing a gay man, Sani Dayal, whom they had contacted through a dating app before robbing and stabbing him in a forest on the city’s outskirts.³⁷² In February 2024, three people, an 18-year-old, a 17-year-old, and a 14-year-old, in Surat lured a 52-year-old gay diamond worker to an apartment through a dating app and threatened to “out” his sexual orientation unless he paid them; when he said he had no money, they “brutally thrashed him” and he died in hospital eight days later.³⁷³

In two instances in 2023 and 2024, two separate **Palestinian** armed groups, Lion’s Den and Tulkarm, allegedly killed gay Palestinians for sharing sensitive information with Israeli agents who were blackmailing them.³⁷⁴ **Israeli** intelligence agents reportedly monitor and meet queer Palestinians through dating apps and then blackmail them into providing intelligence, a strategy that puts queer Palestinians at heightened risk of reprisals.³⁷⁵

Some alleged serial killers have also utilized dating apps to target gay men in recent years, including in **Canada, Ireland, Spain, and the U.S.**³⁷⁶ In Spain, a man used a dating app to target gay men, allegedly killing up to seven: he was convicted of one homicide, one attempted homicide, and fraud, and is facing trial for the murder of a 77-year-old gay man whom he allegedly strangled to death.³⁷⁷



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Violent Extremism Against LGBTIQ People

Individuals and groups involved in violent extremism, including terrorist groups and white supremacists, are responsible for the killings of some LGBTIQ people.

In May 2021, a terrorist and former guerrilla group, Shining Path, opened fire at a bar, killing at least 18 people in **Peru**.³⁷⁸ They distributed pamphlets stating they were doing a social cleansing, including the elimination of “degenerate homosexuals” and “degenerate lesbian homosexuals.”³⁷⁹

In **Norway** in 2022, an individual believed to be linked to terrorist groups carried out a mass shooting at a queer bar, killing two people and injuring 21.³⁸⁰ The same year, in **Slovakia**, a young man carried out a mass shooting outside a gay bar. He had previously published a white supremacist manifesto on social media, condemning Jews and LGBTIQ people.³⁸¹

In July 2026, an Islamic State sympathizer drove a van into a crowd near the Christopher Street Day Pride parade in Berlin, **Germany**, and attacked bystanders with a machete, killing one person and injuring 29. The attacker had previously traveled to Lebanon, intending to join ISIS in Syria, and had been convicted months earlier of preparing an act of violence, before carrying out the Pride attack.³⁸²

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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16 RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Decriminalize** consensual same-sex sexual activity and repeal laws that criminalize or otherwise stigmatize or discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics.
- **Enact and enforce laws** recognizing killings of LGBTIQ people motivated by bias based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics as hate crimes, and ensure that such killings are effectively investigated and prosecuted.
- **Ensure effective remedies and adequate resources** for cases of violence, discrimination, and killings of LGBTIQ people, including access to justice, compensation, and appropriate assistance for survivors, victims' families, and affected communities.
- **Collect and publish data** on killings and other forms of violence against LGBTIQ people, disaggregated by sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics, while respecting privacy and protecting individuals from further harm.
- **Use this data to inform the design and implementation of measures** to prevent and address violence against LGBTIQ people and promote social acceptance, in meaningful consultation and collaboration with LGBTIQ civil society organizations.
- **Uphold the 1951 Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees**, and fulfill state obligations to protect all refugees, including LGBTIQ refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers, and adhere to the principle of non-refoulement.
- **Adequately resource** LGBTIQ civil society organizations and work with them to ensure that laws, policies, and programs addressing violence are inclusive of the needs of sexual and gender minorities.
- **Reform policing** as a driver of violence against LGBTIQ people by implementing training and improving competence in addressing cases involving sexual and gender minorities.
- **Establish** independent oversight mechanisms with real investigative and disciplinary authority over police misconduct, to hold law enforcement officials accountable where they perpetrate, extort, or willfully deprioritize violence against LGBTIQ people.
- **Train public institutions** on the inclusion of sexual and gender minorities, addressing institutionalized discrimination, tailoring programs to the needs of LGBTIQ people, and ensuring that all individuals are respected and treated with dignity.
- **Publicly call** for an end to all violence based on a person's perceived or actual sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics.
- **Explicitly recognize** the protection of populations made vulnerable to killings due to sexual orientation and gender identity in UN resolutions on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions.
- **Revise and enforce gun laws** as a means to prevent deadly violence, including fatal violence resulting from bias.

- **Investigate cases of enforced disappearance**, and create procedures and frameworks for investigating cases with aggravating circumstances based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics.
- **Decriminalize sex work** and grant sex workers rights, including specific protections from violence and discrimination.
- **Regulate technology companies that run dating apps** to require context-specific protocols that include the proactive detection of fake profiles and similar networks used for entrapment schemes. These platforms must provide clear reporting channels for users and coordinate with civil society to outline targeting patterns and institute safeguards.



To United Nations entities

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Establish standardized and disaggregated data collection on LGBTIQ homicides and disappearances.** The data on killings of and violence against LGBTIQ people should be disaggregated by sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics.
- **Utilize the data** in designing and implementing programs to address and prevent violence against LGBTIQ people and promote social acceptance, in collaboration and consultation with LGBTIQ civil society organizations.
- **Fund specialized investigative and prosecutorial capacity** to address crimes against sexual and gender minorities, not just legislative reform.
- **Integrate LGBTIQ protection** into existing organized crime, transitional justice, humanitarian aid, and displacement programming, rather than treating it exclusively as a separate track.
- **Support the decriminalization** of consensual same-sex sexual acts and sex work as a violence prevention measure.
- **Resource community-based LGBTIQ** organizations directly, with streamlined access to UN funding mechanisms.
- **Mandate inclusive reporting** to address sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics within existing UN human rights mechanisms.



To news publications and journalists

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Report news involving LGBTIQ people with the use of their correct and affirming** names, gender, and pronouns, including where these differ from their legal documents.
- **Protect the dignity of victims and survivors.** Share images that show the dead bodies or violence against LGBTIQ people with care and necessary safeguards.
- **Refrain from framing violence and killings of LGBTIQ people**, including in cases of intimate partner violence, **through language that excuses, minimizes, or romanticizes** the perpetrator's actions, or that shifts blame onto the victim's identity, behavior, or relationships.
- **Report news factually** without placing blame and responsibility on LGBTIQ victims of violence and killings, their families, or communities. Focus the narratives on the responsibility of perpetrators and relevant state authorities.



To civil society organizations

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Establish or strengthen monitoring mechanisms** to systematically track and disaggregate data on killings motivated by bias based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics. These databases should capture precise details—date and location of the killing, the response of local authorities, and other relevant context, including the specific evidence indicating the killing was motivated by anti-LGBTIQ bias—while safeguarding victims' and sources' sensitive information.
- **Share documentation practices, data, and lessons learned** across regions and organizations to strengthen collective efforts to study, prevent, and respond to violence against LGBTIQ people, while excluding personally identifiable or otherwise sensitive information from shared datasets.
- **Design and promote programs and public campaigns** that target anti-LGBTIQ violence reduction and foster social inclusion.
- **Build community-based initiatives** to identify, prevent, and respond to intimate partner violence within diverse relationships, specifically recognizing the distinct dynamics and barriers to support that survivors in these relationships face.

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ANNEX

Targeted Killings, January 2020 to July 2026

A database of documented killings of over 230 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer people, killed because of their identities between January 2020 and July 2026. These figures are not exhaustive.

NO.	DATE AND PLACE	NAME, AGE, IDENTITY	INCIDENT AND SOURCE
2020			
1	Jan. 13, 2020 Russia Europe and Central Asia	Jamshud Khatamzhonov Age 24 trans woman	A client of Khatamzhonov murdered her "in an excessive use of force in self-defense." Her decapitated and mutilated body was found six months later with her limbs removed. Source: "The St. Petersburg Man Who Killed and Dismembered a Transgender Woman Was Found Guilty of Exceeding Self-Defense," Meduza, February 17, 2022, https://meduza.io/news/2022/02/17/peterburzhtsa-kotoryy-ubil-i-raschlenil-transgendernuyu-zhenschinu-priznali-vinovnym-v-prevyshenii-samooborony-ego-osvobodili-v-zale-suda
2	Jan. 14, 2020 Australia Pacific	Kimberley McRae Age 69 trans woman	A student who killed McRae, a sex worker, after hiring her services and discovering she was trans was jailed for her death. Source: Helena Burke, "Colombian Student Jailed for 10 Years over Manslaughter of Sydney Sex Worker Kimberley McRae," ABC News (Australia), July 7, 2023, https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-07-07/hector-valencia-jailed-sex-worker-kimberley-mcrae-coogee/102574248
3	Jan. 29, 2020 Jamaica Americas	Allie Jackson Age 43 gay man	Allie Jackson went for a date during his lunch break but was killed by people who targeted him on the dating app, and his vehicle was set on fire. Source: Hopeton Bucknor, "Teen Robbed, Set on Fire After Meeting Man on Gay Site," Jamaica Gleaner, October 17, 2021, http://past.jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20211017/teen-robbed-set-fire-after-meeting-man-gay-site
4	Feb. 6, 2020 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Lindokuhle Cele Age 23 gay man	Cele was an activist for the rights of gay people and a musician who was stabbed 21 times at a butchery in front of multiple witnesses. The convicted murderer accused Cele of having raped him; however, no evidence was found to support this accusation. Source: Roberto Igual, "Lindokuhle and Khulekani: Two More LGBTIQ Lives Lost," MambaOnline, May 12, 2021, https://www.mambaonline.com/2021/05/12/lindokuhle-and-khulekani-two-more-lgbtqi-lives-lost/
5	Feb. 24, 2020 Puerto Rico, in the United States of America Americas	Alexa Negrón Luciano (also known as Neulisa Luciano Ruiz) Age 28 trans woman	A group of men shot and killed Alexa Negrón Luciano, an unhoused trans woman, after she used the women's restroom at a fast-food restaurant. A video of the shooting was uploaded to social media, in which men's voices can be heard catcalling her and then threatening to kill her. Two men later pleaded guilty to a hate crime for the assault, motivated by her gender identity, but her murder itself remains unsolved. Source: Tim Fitzsimons, "Transgender Woman Killed in Puerto Rico after Using Women's Bathroom," NBC News, February 26, 2020, https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/transgender-woman-killed-puerto-rico-after-using-women-s-bathroom-n1142661 ; onald Padgett, "2 Men Plead Guilty to Hate Crime Against Trans Woman Hours Before Her Murder," Advocate, September 27, 2023, https://www.advocate.com/crime/alexa-neulisa-luciano-hate-crime

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6	March 21, 2020 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Liabona Mabishi Age 16 lesbian	A group of five men whom Mabishi and her friends ran into while walking stabbed her 13 times. A friend was also injured in the assault. Authorities believe the assault was motivated by homophobia. Source: South African Government, "MEC Albert Fritz Welcomes Arrests of Five in Suspected LGBTQI Murder," Press Release, June 12, 2020, https://www.gov.za/ss/news/media-statements/mec-albert-fritz-welcomes-arrests-five-suspected-lgbtqi-murder-12-jun-2020
7	April 4, 2020 Pakistan Asia	Musa Age 15 trans woman	According to activists, "local thugs" lured Musa to a secluded location and gang-raped her to death. A man has been arrested in connection with the case. Source: "15-Year-Old Christian Transgender Raped to Death in Faisalabad," Naya Daur, April 6, 2020, https://nayadaur.tv/06-Apr-2020/15-year-old-christian-transgender-raped-to-death-in-faisalabad
8	April 21, 2020 Puerto Rico, in the United States of America Americas	Layla Pelaez Age 21 trans woman	Two men confessed to the murders of Pelaez and Velázquez, indicating it was a revenge killing related to their identities. They shot them in a car that was then set on fire. Source: Maribel Hernández Pérez, "Suspects Arrested in the Murder of Two Trans Women in Humacao," Primera Hora, April 29, 2020, https://www.primerahora.com/noticias/policia-tribunales/notas/arrestan-sospechosos-de-asesinato-de-dos-mujeres-trans-en-humacao/
9	April 21, 2020 Puerto Rico, in the United States of America Americas	Serena Angelique Velázquez Age 32 trans woman	Two men confessed to the murders of Pelaez and Velázquez, indicating it was a revenge killing related to their identities. They shot them in a car that was then set on fire. Source: Maribel Hernández Pérez, "Suspects Arrested in the Murder of Two Trans Women in Humacao," Primera Hora, April 29, 2020, https://www.primerahora.com/noticias/policia-tribunales/notas/arrestan-sospechosos-de-asesinato-de-dos-mujeres-trans-en-humacao/
10	April 27, 2020 Puerto Rico, in the United States of America Americas	Penélope Díaz Ramírez Age 31 trans woman	Díaz Ramírez was killed in the Bayamón correctional complex in Puerto Rico. Source: Elliot Kozuch, "HRC Mourns Penélope Díaz Ramírez, Trans Latina Killed in Puerto Rico," Human Rights Campaign, April 27, 2020, https://www.hrc.org/news/hrc-mourns-penelope-diaz-ramirez-trans-latina-killed-in-puerto-rico
11	May 31, 2020 United States of America Americas	Selena Reyes-Hernandez Age 37 trans woman	An 18-year-old man killed Reyes-Hernandez after finding out she was transgender. He was allegedly so upset that, after shooting her and leaving her dead, he went back and shot her body again. Source: Matthew Hendrickson, "Man Allegedly Murdered Woman After She Told Him She Was Transgender," Chicago Sun-Times, June 17, 2020, https://chicago.suntimes.com/crime/2020/6/16/21293263/man-murdered-transgender-woman-marquette-park
12	June 18, 2020 Azerbaijan Europe and Central Asia	Aysu Mammadli Age 28 trans woman	Mammadli was a trans sex worker who was stabbed to death by a client. The man was arrested and confessed to killing her. Source: "One Dead and Another Injured in Attacks on Transgender Women in Baku," OC Media, June 24, 2020, https://oc-media.org/one-dead-and-another-injured-in-attacks-on-transgender-women-in-baku/
13	June 25, 2020 United States of America Americas	Brayla Stone Age 17 trans girl	A man admitted to shooting Stone to death to cover up their relationship. He was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Source: Trudy Ring, "Arkansas Man Gets 50-Year Sentence in Death of Trans Teen," Advocate, August 16, 2021, https://www.advocate.com/crime/2021/8/16/arkansas-man-gets-50-year-sentence-death-trans-teen
14	Aug. 9, 2020 Chile Americas	Cynthia Leslie Velásquez Age 31 lesbian	According to Velásquez's mother, she was targeted and killed because of her gender identity. Police investigating the case believed the perpetrator was a possible partner or someone she knew. No further updates have been publicly provided. Source: Aíram Fernández, "She Was Defending a Girl from an Attacker and They Killed Her: Lesbicide Alleged," Agencia Presentes, August 13, 2020, https://agenciapresentes.org/2020/08/13/asesinaron-a-punaladas-a-una-joven-lesbiana-en-santiago-denuncian-lesbicidio/

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15	Sept. 5, 2020 India Asia	Ekta Joshi Age 42 trans woman	Joshi was a trans activist. Two contract killers shot her as she was getting out of a car; they were later arrested. Source: "Delhi: 2 Held for Murder of Transgender Activist," Indian Express, April 12, 2021, https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/delhi-2-held-for-murder-of-transgender-activist-7269487
16	Sept. 5, 2020 India Asia	Sani Dayal Age 25 gay man	Two men targeted Dayal through a dating app to rob him. They stabbed him to death and dumped his body in a jungle. Source: Yashee, "Delhi: 2 Kill Man They Met on Dating App, Arrested," Indian Express, September 6, 2020, https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/two-held-for-killing-man-they-met-on-gay-dating-app-6585750/
17	Sept. 10, 2020 Pakistan Asia	Saeeda Khan Age 32 transgender	Khan's brother, 13-year-old Muhammad Hammad, shot Khan, killing her. After her death, reports continue to misgender and deadname her. Source: VoA, "Transgender Woman Killed in Swabi," September 11, 2020, https://www.voadeewanews.com/a/5579508.html
18	Sept. 11, 2020 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Simangaliso Dyasi Age undisclosed gay man	Dyasi's body was found in his room with gunshot wounds, in what activists believe was a hate crime. Source: Roberto Igual, "Gay Man Shot Dead in Soweto in Suspected Hate Crime," MambaOnline, September 11, 2020, https://www.mambaonline.com/2020/09/11/gay-man-shot-dead-in-soweto-in-suspected-hate-crime/
19	Sept. 12, 2020 Italy Europe and Central Asia	Maria Paola Gaglione Age 18 undisclosed, cis woman in a relationship with a trans man	Gaglione's brother hit her with his car while she was riding a motorcycle with her partner, a trans man. He attacked them because he did not approve of the relationship. Gaglione's partner, who survived the attack, was immediately attacked by her brother. Source: Vincenzo Iurillo, "Maria Paola Gaglione, the Preliminary Investigations Judge: 'Threats and Blows to the Scooter from Her Brother; Fall Due to His Dangerous Conduct,'" Il Fatto Quotidiano, September 14, 2020, https://www.ilfattoquotidiano.it/2020/09/14/maria-paola-gaglione-il-gip-dal-fratello-minacce-e-colpi-allo-scooter-caduta-dovuta-a-sua-condotta-pericolosa/5931212/
20	Sept. 16, 2020 Pakistan Asia	Shakeel alias Gul Panra Age undisclosed trans woman	She was shot and killed after finishing her performance at a wedding as she was preparing to go home. Source: Adeela Khan, "Life of a Transgender Person: A Trail of Pain," Express Tribune, September 16, 2020, https://tribune.com.pk/story/2264141/life-of-a-transgender-person-a-trail-of-pain
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21	Feb. 12, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Bonang Gaelae Age 29 lesbian	Mojalefa Simon Mokoena killed Gaelae on February 12, 2021, in Sebokeng after an argument with her and her partner, Chippa Mohanoe. He hit Mohanoe with a brick and stabbed Gaelae in the neck. Source: Luiz de Barrios, "Bonang Gaelae's Hate Crime Killer Gets 38-Year Sentence," MambaOnline, June 22, 2022, https://www.mambaonline.com/2022/06/22/bonang-gaelaes-hate-crime-killer-gets-38-year-sentence/
22	March 5, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Nonhlanhla Kunene Age 37 lesbian	Kunene was found naked on March 5, 2021, with a wound to the back of her head and bruises on her body. Her family believes she was probably raped. Source: "Find Her Killer, Please' Pleads Edendale Victim's Family," Witness, April 1, 2021, https://witness.co.za/newsletters/2021/04/01/find-her-killer-please-pleads-edendale-victims-family-20210401-2/
23	March 6, 2021 United Kingdom Europe and Central Asia	Martin Decker Age 69 gay man	A man was convicted of bludgeoning Decker to death after scamming him with an offer of sexual services. He confessed that he intended to kill more gay men if he had not been caught. Source: "Caught Liverpool Murderer Would Have Killed Again, Court Told," BBC News, October 27, 2021, https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-merseyside-59064118

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24	March 6, 2021 Belgium Europe and Central Asia	David P. Age 42 gay man	Two teenagers lured David P. through a dating app, ambushed him, and beat him to death. Source: Hannah Ryan, "He Was Lured to His Death in a Secluded Park. In a Pandemic, Dating Can Be Deadly for LGBTQ+ People," CNN, April 4, 2021, https://edition.cnn.com/2021/04/04/europe/belgium-david-p-murder-lgbtq-pandemic-cmd-intl/index.html
25	March 12, 2021 Argentina Americas	Tehuel de la Torre Age 21 trans man	A man was convicted of the hate crime murder and disappearance of de la Torre, a trans man. De la Torre went missing on his way to a job interview, and his body has not been found. Source: Facundo Iglesia, "Man Sentenced to Life for Tehuel Murder in Argentina's First Trans-Homicide Trial," Buenos Aires Herald, August 30, 2024, archived August 31, 2024, https://web.archive.org/web/20240831075158/https://buenosairesherald.com/society/crime/man-sentenced-to-life-for-tehuel-murder-in-argentinas-first-trans-homicide-trial
26	March 29, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Sphamandla Khoza Age 34 gay man	A group of men beat and stabbed Khoza and slit his throat, and his body was dumped in a sewer. According to family members, this happened after the group of men insulted him over his sexuality. Source: Unathi Nkanjeni, "#JusticeforSpha: What You Need to Know about KZN Man Killed in Alleged Homophobic Hate Crime," TimesLIVE, April 7, 2021, https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2021-04-07-justiceforspha-what-you-need-to-know-about-kzn-man-killed-in-alleged-homophobic-hate-crime/
27	April 2, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Nathaniel 'Spokgoane' Mbele Age undisclosed gay man	Mbele was found dead with stab wounds to the chest after leaving a tavern. The killing was considered an anti-queer hate crime by activists. Source: "Queer Hate Rocks SA: Gay Gauteng Man Stabbed to Death," MambaOnline, April 14, 2021, https://www.mambaonline.com/2021/04/14/queer-hate-rocks-sa-gay-gauteng-man-stabbed-to-death/
28	April 3, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Khulekani Gomazi Age 27 trans woman	According to the Gay and Lesbian Network, family members of a 16-year-old accused Gomazi of sexual assault. They then allegedly beat her, burned her mouth with battery acid, dragged her with a car, and took her to a police station, where officers did not seek medical attention for her. Source: Roberto Igual, "Lindokuhle and Khulekani: Two More LGBTIQ Lives Lost," MambaOnline, May 12, 2021, https://www.mambaonline.com/2021/05/12/lindokuhle-and-khulekani-two-more-lgbtqi-lives-lost/
29	April 7, 2021 France Europe and Central Asia	Paula Migeon Age 50 trans woman	A man broke into Migeon's apartment, raped her, stabbed her to death, and then set the apartment on fire. Source: Nicolas Scheffer, "Murder of a Trans Woman in Reims: The Accused Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison," Têtu, December 5, 2024, https://tetu.com/2024/12/05/justice-transfeminicide-meurtre-femme-trans-reims-accuse-condamne-25-ans-prison/
30	April 10, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Andile 'Lulu' Ntuthela Age 41 gay man	Luvuyo Jonas murdered Ntuthela, "motivated by his religious beliefs." He strangled, stabbed, and beat Ntuthela before mutilating and burning his body and burying the remains in a shallow grave, where police discovered them. Source: Roberto Igual, "Finally, Justice for Andile Lulu Ntuthela as Killer Is Sentenced," MambaOnline, April 26, 2023, https://www.mambaonline.com/2023/04/26/finally-justice-for-andile-lulu-ntuthela-as-killer-is-sentenced/
31	April 12, 2021 Kenya Sub-Saharan Africa	Chriton Atuhwer Age 22 gay man	Atuhwer was a Ugandan queer activist and refugee who died after a homophobic firebombing targeting LGBTIQ refugees at Kakuma Refugee Camp. Source: Amnesty International Australia Open Letter to Senator Marise Payne, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, "Re: Ugandan Man Dies after Homophobic Attack in Kenyan Refugee Camp," May 14, 2021, https://www.amnesty.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/20200514-OCConnor-to-Payne_Homophobic-attack-in-Kenyan-Refugee-Camp-1.pdf

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32	April 13, 2021 Trinidad and Tobago Americas	Latchman Singh Age 28 drag artist, queer man	Singh, also known as Anthony, Marc Anthony, and Maria Venus Raj, was a Guyanese immigrant and drag artist who was stabbed to death in his home. Source: "Promising Guyanese Designer Found Murdered in Trinidad," News Source Guyana, April 14, 2021, https://newssourcegy.com/news/promising-guyanese-designer-found-murdered-in-trinidad/
33	April 17, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Lonwabo Jack Age 22 gay man	After his 22nd birthday celebration, Jack was found dead in the street with stab wounds to the chest. Since none of his possessions were taken, his family believes it was a hate crime. Source: Lynn Cupido, "Gay Man Murdered in Alleged Hate Crime in Nyanga," Cape Town Etc, April 20, 2021, https://www.capetownetc.com/news/gay-man-murdered-in-alleged-hate-crime-in-nyanga/
34	April 24, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Lucky Kleinboy Motshabi Age 30 gay man	Motshabi was found naked in a field with stab wounds on his body. Source: Roberto Igual, "Hate Crime Crisis: Lucky Motshabi Is 7th LGBTIQ+ Person Murdered," MambaOnline, April 30, 2021, https://www.mambaonline.com/2021/04/30/hate-crime-crisis-lucky-motshabi-is-7th-lgbtiq-person-murdered/
35	May 1, 2021 Afghanistan Asia	undisclosed Age undisclosed gay man	Hamid N.'s (pseudonym) boyfriend was captured and killed by the Taliban. His parents blamed Hamid, saying they had heard rumors that Hamid was gay, and feared their son might have been killed by Taliban members or supporters because of their relationship. Source: Outright International and Human Rights Watch, "Even If You Go to the Skies, We'll Find You": LGBT People in Afghanistan After the Taliban Takeover, January 2022, https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/Afghanistan_HRW_Updated2023.pdf , 15
36	May 1, 2021 Tonga Pacific	Polikalepo Kefu Age 41 gender nonconforming	A man was convicted of murdering Kefu, whom he killed on a beach with a rock while under the influence of substances. Source: "Life in Prison Given to Man for Killing Human Rights Activist in Tonga," RNZ, October 12, 2021, https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/pacific/453406/life-in-prison-given-to-man-for-killing-human-rights-activist-in-tonga
37	May 3, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Phelokazi Mqathanya Age 24 lesbian	Phelokazi Mqathanya was stabbed to death after she demanded that a man stop touching her buttocks. Mqathanya's family accuses the police of negligence in handling the prosecution, with missing case dockets and persistent postponements. Source: Roberto Igual, "Hate Crimes Crisis Promising LGBTIQ+ Chef Phelokazi Mqathanya Murdered," Mamba Online, May 4, 2021, https://www.mambaonline.com/2021/05/04/hate-crime-crisis-phelokazi-mqathanya-is-8th-lgbtiq-person-murdered/ ; News Room Afrika, "Phelokazi Mqathanya's Family Says Police Have Failed Them," April 30, 2023, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk4Gd2Dg5Rg
38	May 4, 2021 Iran South West Asia and North Africa	Alireza Fazeli Monfared Age 20 nonbinary	A group of men from Fazeli Monfared's family abducted and murdered them and later informed their mother that they had killed them. Source: Amnesty International, "Iran: Murder of Gay Man Highlights Dangers of State-Sanctioned Abuses against LGBTI People," May 17, 2021, https://www.amnesty.org/fr/latest/news/2021/05/iran-murder-of-gay-man-highlights-dangers-of-state-sanctioned-abuses-against-lgbti-people-2/
39	May 10, 2021 Kenya Sub-Saharan Africa	Joash Mosoti Age 29 gay man	Unidentified individuals attacked, severely abused, and strangled Mosoti to death in his home. His body was found naked with his hands tied. Source: "Republic v Ali Mbarak (Joash Mosoti Murder Trial)," Digital Legal Repository on SOGIESC and LGBTIQ+ Rights in Kenya, accessed August 25, 2026, https://sogiesclaw.co.ke/republic-v-ali-mbarak-joash-mosoti-murder-trial/
40	May 20, 2021 Philippines Asia	Ebeng Mayor Age 21 trans man	Three suspects were charged with robbing, raping, killing, and mutilating Mayor. Authorities believe it was a hate crime based on his sexual orientation and gender identity. Source: Christopher Lloyd Caliwan, "3 Suspects in 'Brutal' Slay of Transgender in QC Nabbed," Philippine News Agency, May 23, 2021, https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1141194

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41	May 29, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Aubrey Boshoga Age 48 gay man	Boshoga was stabbed to death, and his body was dumped outside his home. People close to him believed it was a hate crime because he was openly gay and because of the brutality of the attack. Source: Roberto Iguál, "Gay Artist Aubrey Boshoga Stabbed to Death in Joburg," MambaOnline, May 31, 2021, https://www.mambaonline.com/2021/05/31/gay-artist-aubrey-boshoga-stabbed-to-death-in-joburg/
42	June 6, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Masixole Level Age 28 gay man	Level's body was found in a street with "16 stab wounds," according to his family, who fear it was a hate crime. Source: "Devastated Family Fear Masixole Level, 29, Could Have Been Targeted Because of His Sexuality," Daily Dispatch, June 12, 2021, https://www.dailydispatch.co.za/news/2021-06-12-devastated-family-fear-masixole-level-29-could-have-been-targeted-because-of-his-sexuality/
43	June 9, 2021 Guatemala Americas	Cecy Caricia Ixpata Age undisclosed trans woman	Cecy Caricia Ixpata died as a result of an attack by unidentified assailants in Baja Verapaz. She reported transphobic threats to the Attorney-General's office months before her killing. Source: Human Rights Watch, "Guatemala: 3 Killings of LGBT People in a Week – Investigate, Bolster Protections for LGBT People," June 22, 2021, https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/06/22/guatemala-3-killings-lgbt-people-week#
44	June 11, 2021 Guatemala Americas	Andrea González Age 28 trans woman	Andrea González was shot and killed in Guatemala City. A suspect was convicted of homicide in 2023. González and Ixpata had both reached out to the Attorney General's Office regarding transphobic threats they had received prior to these fatal attacks. Source: Human Rights Watch, "Guatemala: 3 Killings of LGBT People in a Week – Investigate, Bolster Protections for LGBT People," June 22, 2021, https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/06/22/guatemala-3-killings-lgbt-people-week#
45	June 11, 2021 Iraq South West Asia and North Africa	Misho Age undisclosed trans man	According to Misho's mother, Misho was kidnapped and feared killed by their family members in an "honor" killing. Source: Dilan Sirwan, "Mother Fears Trans Son Was Killed by Family Members," Rudaw, July 1, 2021, https://www.rudaw.net/english/categories/kurdistan/1059394
46	June 12, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Lulama Mvandaba Age 38 lesbian	A group of men beat Mvandaba and burned her breast with a piece of burning wood after a confrontation inside a shebeen. She ran away but later died from her wounds at home. Source: Mandilakhe Tshwete, "Third Lesbian Murder: Khayelitsha Woman Assaulted in a Shebeen for Calling Man a Laaitie," Daily Voice, June 14, 2021, https://dailyvoice.co.za/news/2021-06-14-third-lesbian-murder-khayelitsha-woman-assaulted-at-shebeen-for-calling-man-a-laaitie/
47	June 13, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Anele Bhengu Age 28 lesbian	Bhengu was raped and stabbed to death, and her body was dumped. Pre-trial proceedings in her case were later postponed after the police docket went missing, which the leader of a queer human rights organization in KwaZulu-Natal condemned as a delaying tactic. Source: Gcwalisile Khanyile, "Family Seeks Justice for Anele Bhengu's Rape and Murder and Hails Swift Arrest," IOL, June 22, 2021, https://iol.co.za/dailynews/news/kwazulu-natal/2021-06-22-family-seeks-justice-for-anele-bhengu-rape-and-murder-and-hails-swift-arrest/ ; Anelisa Kubheka, "Postponement in the Anele Bhengu Murder Case 'A Delaying Tactic,'" IOL, September 9, 2021, https://iol.co.za/dailynews/news/kwazulu-natal/2021-09-08-postponement-in-the-anele-bhengu-murder-case-a-delaying-tactic/
48	June 16, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Sam Mbatha Age 24 gay man	Three men kidnapped, robbed, and murdered LGBTIQ activist Sam Mbatha on June 16, 2021. An axe was linked to the murder, and his body was burned "beyond recognition" and left in his car on a soccer field, where it was discovered. Source: Drum, "LGBTQI Activist Sam Mbatha's Killers Have Been Sentenced to Life," July 29, 2024, https://www.news24.com/drum/news/local/lgbtqi-activist-sam-mbathas-killers-have-been-sentenced-to-life-20240729

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49	June 18, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Motse Moeketsi Age 36 gay man	Moeketsi's body was discovered in Freedom Park, Gauteng, after he was reported missing. His body reportedly had stab wounds and appeared to have been burned. Source: Roberto Igual, "Murdered Gay Man Motse Moeketsi Laid to Rest," MambaOnline, June 28, 2021, https://www.mambaonline.com/2021/06/28/murdered-gay-man-motse-moeketsi-laid-to-rest/
50	June 26, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Sheila Lebelo Age 33 lesbian	According to activists, Lebelo's body was discovered in a yard after she had gone missing the previous night. It is believed she was raped and strangled to death. Source: Access Chapter 2 (@AccessChapter2), "Our Hearts continue to bleed following the killing of Sheila Lebelo . . .," Facebook, July 8, 2021, https://www.facebook.com/AccessChapter2/posts/our-hearts-continue-to-bleed-following-the-killing-of-sheila-lebelo-whose-only-c/4092893390764468/
51	July 3, 2021 Spain Europe and Central Asia	Samuel Luiz Age 24 gay man	A group of people beat Luiz to death in a street after one of them called him homophobic slurs. Source: BBC News World, "They killed him screaming 'faggot': protests in Spain for the fatal beating of a young man in a possible hate crime," July 6, 2021, https://www.bbc.com/mundo/noticias-internacional-57730844
52	July 28, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Thapelo Sehata Age 23 lesbian	Sehata was found unconscious, with signs of rape and serious stab wounds. She later died from her wounds in a hospital. According to family members, she was an openly lesbian woman who was "mocked, insulted and ridiculed" by some residents in the area. Source: Listening to Lesbians, "Thapelo Constance Sehata," (blog), accessed July 28, 2026, https://listening2lesbians.com/tag/thapelo-constance-sehata/
53	Aug. 13, 2021 United States of America Americas	Crystal Turner Age 38 lesbian	A suspect shot and killed Turner and Schulte while they were camping. Before their deaths, the couple had said they were scared of "a creeper" in the area. The case was closed after the suspect killed himself a few months later. Source: CBS News, "Suspect in Slayings of Newlywed Couple at Utah Campsite Killed Himself, Sheriff Says," May 12, 2022, https://www.cbsnews.com/news/crystal-turner-kylen-schulte-killed-moab-campsite-suspect-adam-pinkusiewicz-killed-himself-sheriff/
54	Aug. 13, 2021 United States of America Americas	Kylen Schulte Age 24 lesbian	A suspect shot and killed Turner and Schulte while they were camping. Before their deaths, the couple had said they were scared of "a creeper" in the area. The case was closed after the suspect killed himself a few months later. Source: CBS News, "Suspect in Slayings of Newlywed Couple at Utah Campsite Killed Himself, Sheriff Says," May 12, 2022, https://www.cbsnews.com/news/crystal-turner-kylen-schulte-killed-moab-campsite-suspect-adam-pinkusiewicz-killed-himself-sheriff/
55	Aug. 18, 2021 India Asia	Reshpal Kumar Age undisclosed gay man	Reshpal Kumar's son stabbed him to death after discovering he had a relationship with another man. Source: India Today, "Man Arrested for Stabbing Father to Death for Having Same-Sex Relationship in UP's Muzaffarnagar," September 12, 2021, https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/man-arrested-for-stabbing-father-to-death-for-having-same-sex-relationship-in-up-s-muzaffarnagar-1852041-2021-09-12
56	Aug. 22, 2021 Azerbaijan Europe and Central Asia	Nuray Nuriyev Age 27 trans woman	Nuriyev was killed and her body burned. Activists staged a protest denouncing the killing as a hate crime and condemning how influencers promote violence against trans people on social media. Source: Ismi Aghayev, "After Alleged Killing, Transgender Protesters Rally in Baku," OC Media, August 26, 2021, https://oc-media.org/after-alleged-killing-transgender-protesters-rally-in-baku/

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57	Aug. 30, 2021 India Asia	Dakshayani Age 17 trans girl	Dakshayani's brother admitted to murdering her because her identity "brought shame" to the family. Source: Nirupa Sampath, "Trans Girl Murdered in TN: Why India's Preference for Birth Families Is Dangerous," News Minute, September 7, 2021, https://www.thenewsminute.com/tamil-nadu/trans-girl-murdered-tn-why-india-s-preference-birth-families-dangerous-154974
58	Sept. 5, 2021 Türkiye Europe and Central Asia	Kadir Murat Sözübir Age 42 trans woman	A man confessed to stabbing Sözübir to death after he had hired her for sex work, discovered she was trans, and did not want to pay her. Source: T24, "Trans Murder in Istanbul: Killed for 100 Liras!" September 14, 2021, https://t24.com.tr/gundem/fatih-te-trans-cinayeti-supheli-100-tl-icin-oldurdugunu-ittiraf-etti.978841?t=1791297391491#google_vignette
59	Sept. 26, 2021 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Sisanda Gumede Age 28 lesbian	A family member allegedly stabbed LGBTIQ activist Gumede to death and then "gloated after the incident that he had removed the curse from the family." Source: Nicole McCain, "LGBTQI Activist Killed in Alleged Hate Crime Near Durban," News24, September 29, 2021, https://www.news24.com/lgbtqi-activist-killed-in-alleged-hate-crime-near-durban-20210929
60	Oct. 5, 2021 Spain Europe and Central Asia	undisclosed Age 77 gay man	A man targeted gay men on a dating app and killed them on dates. He has been convicted of two murders, but it is believed he is responsible for more. In one of the convictions, where he killed a 73-year-old man, the jury rejected the aggravating factor of sexual orientation. Source: Ander Goyoaga, "Justice Corners gay app murderer in Bilbao," La Vanguardia, February 9, 2026, https://www.lavanguardia.com/vida/20260209/11461128/justicia-cerca-asesino-app-gay-bilbao.html
61	Oct. 13, 2021 Mexico Americas	Miguel Angel Sulvarán Xolo Age 25 gay man	Sulvarán Xolo was stabbed 17 times in his home. A man was linked to his murder but released. Activists have denounced that the prosecutor's office lost the case file, delaying justice. Source: Isabel Ortega, "FGE Loses File on Murder of Chef Miguel Angel Sulvaran from Xalapa," La Silla Rota, May 8, 2024, https://lasillarota.com/veracruz/local/2024/5/8/fge-pierde-carpeta-del-crimen-del-chef-miguel-angel-sulvaran-de-xalapa-481885.html
62	Oct. 17, 2021 Spain Europe and Central Asia	undisclosed Age 43 gay man	A man targeted gay men on a dating app and killed them on dates. He has been indicted for two murders, but it is believed he is responsible for more. Source: Ander Goyoaga, "Justice Corners gay app murderer in Bilbao," La Vanguardia, February 9, 2026, https://www.lavanguardia.com/vida/20260209/11461128/justicia-cerca-asesino-app-gay-bilbao.html
63	Dec. 7, 2021 Colombia Americas	Cristina Isabel Cantilla Age 34 trans woman	Cantilla was an activist for land rights, sex workers' rights, and the human rights of LGBTIQ people and had survived two assassination attempts in 2020. She was granted state protection and assigned bodyguards, but the protection was not around the clock, and contract killers shot and killed her. Source: Human Rights Memorial Network, Human Rights Memorial Report, 2021, https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/sites/default/files/hrd_memorial_2021_report_finall.pdf , p. 7.
64	Dec. 15, 2021 Nigeria Sub-Saharan Africa	Obisike Donald Ibe Age 37 gay man	A man has confessed to murdering Dr. Ibe "for luring him into homosexuality." He said that after the doctor made a sexual pass at him, he cut him with a cutlass. Source: Odita Sunday, "I Murdered Him Because He Tried to Lure Me into Homosexuality," Killer of Abuja Doctor Confesses, Guardian (Nigeria), January 20, 2022, https://guardian.ng/news/i-murdered-him-because-he-tried-to-lure-me-into-homosexuality-killer-of-abuja-doctor-confesses/

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65	Jan. 1, 2022 Afghanistan Asia	Ghulam Age unknown gay man	Ghulam went missing, and his body was found a week later with signs of beatings and rape. The family accused the Taliban, but the Taliban denied the accusations. Source: Outright International, A Mountain on My Shoulders: 18 Months of Taliban Persecution of LGBTIQ Afghans, February 2023, https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/Afghanistan%20Report_OutrightInternational_8.pdf 20.
66	Jan. 15, 2022 Mexico Americas	Tania Montes Hernández (also known as Yulizsa Ramírez) Age 28 lesbian	Two people kidnapped Montes and Medina on a highway and then murdered and dismembered them. Their bodies were found in plastic bags on the side of the road. Activists believe this to be a hate crime. Source: Arelis R. Hernández, "A Young Lesbian Couple Was Brutally Killed in Juárez. Activists Want Authorities to Treat It as a Hate Crime," Washington Post, January 20, 2022, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/01/20/couple-killed-ciudad-juarez-mexico/
67	Jan. 15, 2022 Mexico Americas	Nohemí Medina Martínez Age 28 lesbian	Two people kidnapped Montes and Medina on a highway and then murdered and dismembered them. Their bodies were found in plastic bags on the side of the road. Activists believe this to be a hate crime. Source: Arelis R. Hernández, "A Young Lesbian Couple Was Brutally Killed in Juárez. Activists Want Authorities to Treat It as a Hate Crime," Washington Post, January 20, 2022, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/01/20/couple-killed-ciudad-juarez-mexico/
68	Jan. 28, 2022 Iraq South West Asia and North Africa	Doski Azad Age 23 trans woman	Azad's brother shot and killed her. She had been hiding from her family after receiving threats for being trans. Source: Saeed Kamali Dehghan, "Kurdish Transgender Woman Shot by Brother Had Been Hiding from Family," Guardian, February 21, 2022, https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/feb/21/kurdish-transgender-woman-shot-by-brother-had-been-hiding-from-family
69	Feb. 2, 2022 Honduras Americas	Jonathan Gabriel Martínez Age 31 gay man	Two men dressed as police officers shot and killed a gay couple, Jonathan Gabriel Martínez and César Gustavo Zúñiga, in Martínez's store, provoking alarm from the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the prevalence of anti-queer violence Source: Sin Miedo, "Three LGBT+ People Murdered in One Night in Honduras," February 3, 2022, https://reportarsinmiedo.org/2022/02/03/asesinan-a-tres-personas-lgbt-en-una-noche-en-honduras/
70	Feb. 2, 2022 Honduras Americas	César Gustavo Zúñiga Age undisclosed gay man	Two men dressed as police officers shot and killed a gay couple, Jonathan Gabriel Martínez and César Gustavo Zúñiga, in Martínez's store, provoking alarm from the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the prevalence of anti-queer violence Source: Sin Miedo, "Three LGBT+ People Murdered in One Night in Honduras," February 3, 2022, https://reportarsinmiedo.org/2022/02/03/asesinan-a-tres-personas-lgbt-en-una-noche-en-honduras/
71	Feb. 7, 2022 France Europe and Central Asia	Beatriz Sousa Age 38 trans woman	Sousa was killed by her alleged former partner, who spiked her drink with an illegal substance; there is evidence he filmed her as she was dying and mocked her. She was a Brazilian immigrant in Paris. Source: "Video: Family of Pará Woman Killed in Paris Talks about Loss," DOL, February 17, 2022, https://dol.com.br/noticias/para/697698/video-familia-de-paraense-morta-em-paris-fala-sobre-perda?d=1
72	Feb. 23, 2022 Azerbaijan Europe and Central Asia	Avaz Shikhmammadov Age 24 gay man	Shikhmammadov's cousin murdered him and mutilated his genitals. Shikhmammadov was an LGBTIQ activist. Source: Alex Cooper, "Gay Activist and Journalist Allegedly Stabbed to Death by Cousin," Advocate, February 24, 2022, https://www.advocate.com/crime/2022/2/24/gay-activist-and-journalist-allegedly-stabbed-death-cousin

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73	March 21, 2022 China Asia	Luo Age 21 trans woman	A man stabbed Luo while she was using the men's restroom at a shopping mall. Police allegedly threatened social media users who denounced the hate crime and ordered them to remove their posts. Source: Chen Tao, "A Transgender Woman Was Killed in Wuhan. The CCP's Reaction: Hiding the Facts," Bitter Winter, March 21, 2022, archived November 22, 2024, https://web.archive.org/web/20241122145159/https://bitterwinter.org/a-transgender-woman-was-killed-in-wuhan/
74	April 11, 2022 Ireland Europe and Central Asia	Aidan Moffitt Age 42 gay man	The same man killed Moffitt in his home one night and killed Snee in his home the next night. He targeted them for being gay and also injured a third gay man. Source: "Sligo Deaths: Murder Investigations Underway After Bodies of Two Men Discovered in Space of 24 Hours," TheJournal.ie, April 13, 2022, https://www.thejournal.ie/man-arrested-50-year-old-dead-sligo-5737398-Apr2022/
75	April 12, 2022 Ireland Europe and Central Asia	Michael Snee Age 58 gay man	The same man killed Moffitt in his home one night and killed Snee in his home the next night. He targeted them for being gay and also injured a third gay man. Source: "Sligo Deaths: Murder Investigations Underway After Bodies of Two Men Discovered in Space of 24 Hours," TheJournal.ie, April 13, 2022, https://www.thejournal.ie/man-arrested-50-year-old-dead-sligo-5737398-Apr2022/
76	April 17, 2022 Kenya Sub-Saharan Africa	Sheila Lumumba Age 25 nonbinary lesbian	After Lumumba did not show up to work, their body was found in their home, and the post-mortem report indicated they had been raped and stabbed multiple times. Source: Soita Khatondi Wepukhulu, "Justice for Sheila Lumumba," openDemocracy, April 25, 2022, https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/justice-for-sheila-lumumba-kenya-lesbian-murder-nonbinary/
77	May 4, 2022 Kenya Sub-Saharan Africa	Rose Mbesa Age 50 intersex person	Mbesa was found dead on the side of the road, half naked, with signs of rape. Source: Gerald Bwisa, "50-Year-Old Intersex Woman Raped and Killed in Trans Nzoia," Daily Nation, May 5, 2022, https://nation.africa/kenya/counties/trans-nzoia/50-year-old-intersex-woman-raped-and-killed-in-trans-nzoia-3805548
78	June 25, 2022 Norway Europe and Central Asia	Kåre Hesvik Age 60 undisclosed	A gunman opened fire outside a queer venue the night before the Pride parade. Hesvik and Isachsen were killed, and 21 others were injured. Source: BBC News, "Oslo Shooting: Norway Attack Being Treated as Islamist Terrorism, Police Say," June 25, 2022, https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-61933817
79	June 25, 2022 Norway Europe and Central Asia	Jon Isachsen Age 54 undisclosed	A gunman opened fire outside a queer venue the night before the Pride parade. Hesvik and Isachsen were killed, and 21 others were injured. Source: BBC News, "Oslo Shooting: Norway Attack Being Treated as Islamist Terrorism, Police Say," June 25, 2022, https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-61933817
80	July 5, 2022 United States of America Americas	Cherry Bush Age 48 trans woman	A man was charged with shooting Bush, who was unhoused, in the street and targeting her because of her gender identity. Source: "Cherry Bush, Unhoused Trans Woman, Killed in Alleged Hate Crime," Advocate, July 27, 2022, https://www.advocate.com/crime/2022/7/27/cherry-bush-unhoused-trans-woman-killed-alleged-hate-crime
81	July 12, 2022 Estonia Europe and Central Asia	Sabrina Houston Age 37 trans woman	A man stabbed Houston in an apartment after discovering that she was a trans woman. Houston was misgendered in some media coverage. He was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison. Source: ERR News, "Foreigner Murdered in Tallinn in Early July Identified as Trans Black Woman," July 26, 2022, https://news.err.ee/1608667837/foreigner-murdered-in-tallinn-in-early-july-identified-as-trans-black-woman

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82	Aug. 5, 2022 Afghanistan Asia	Hamed Sabouri Age 22 gay man	According to family members, Sabouri was abducted at a Taliban checkpoint, tortured, and murdered. The family says the Taliban sent them a video of the execution. Source: Deepa Parent, "Gay Afghan Student 'Murdered by Taliban' as Anti-LGBTQ+ Violence Rises," Guardian, October 18, 2022, https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/oct/18/gay-afghan-student-murdered-by-taliban-as-violence-against-lgbtq-community-rises
83	Aug. 11, 2022 United Kingdom Europe and Central Asia	Peter Coshan Age 75 gay man	A man admitted to creating a fake dating app profile to lure Coshan into a scam. The man said he killed Coshan after Coshan allegedly blackmailed him into performing sexual favors. Source: Paul Cargill, "Killer of Former Fettes College Teacher Must Serve at Least 22 Years in Jail," Independent, June 17, 2024, https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/leith-northumberland-glasgow-high-court-peter-edinburgh-b2563840.html; The Canadian Press, "B.C. Homicides Put Gay Dating Apps in Spotlight, as Advocates, Police Warn of Risks," CityNews Vancouver, January 26, 2026, https://vancouver.citynews.ca/2026/01/26/bc-homicides-put-gay-dating-apps-in-spotlight-as-advocates-police-warn-of-risks/
84	Aug. 26, 2022 Mexico Americas	Odilia Jade Guadalupe Castillo Reyes Age 17 lesbian	Castillo Reyes went missing, and her decomposing body was found inside a water tank at a construction site. Her hands were tied behind her back, and her body showed signs of severe violence and bullet wounds. A young man is being investigated as the possible perpetrator. Source: "Odilia Jade Murderer Captured," Diario del Istmo, October 20, 2022, https://diariodelistmo.com/policiaca/Cae-en-Cordoba-a-presunto-feminicida-de-Odilia-Jade-Castillo-20221020-0069.html
85	Aug. 27, 2022 Germany Europe and Central Asia	Malte C. Age 25 trans man	A man beat Malte C. during a Pride event after Malte C. defended a group of women who were being harassed with homophobic remarks. Source: Deutsche Welle, "Germany: 25-Year-Old Transgender Man Dies after Pride Event Attack," https://www.dw.com/en/germany-25-year-old-transgender-man-dies-after-pride-event-attack/a-63003413
86	Sept. 9, 2022 Mexico Americas	Teresa Montaña Age 22 trans woman	Montaña was stabbed to death in a hotel room, allegedly by a man she had entered the hotel with. She was a sex worker. The two were seen arguing before her murder. Activists in the town denounce that police do not investigate these types of murders. Source: Geo González, "Trans Woman Murdered in Colima Hotel," Agencia Presentes, September 14, 2022, https://agenciapresentes.org/2022/09/14/una-mujer-trans-fue-asesinada-en-un-hotel-de-colima/
87	Sept. 30, 2022 Bangladesh Asia	Nila Age 24 hijra	Two people stabbed Nila in the street. Activists in the region believe it was a result of discrimination and violence against LGBTIQ people in the region. Source: Colin Stewart, "Latest Trans Murder in Bangladesh Is Part of a Worldwide Problem," Erasing 76 Crimes, October 20, 2022, https://76crimes.com/2022/10/20/latest-trans-murder-in-bangladesh-is-part-of-a-worldwide-problem/
88	Oct. 12, 2022 Slovakia Europe and Central Asia	Juraj Vankulic Age 26 nonbinary	A young man carried out a mass shooting outside a gay bar. He had previously published a white supremacist manifesto against Jewish and LGBTIQ people on social media. He was the son of a member of a right-wing political party. Source: Matúš Zdút and Lucia Osvaldová, "Zámocká Street Attacker Found Dead; He Claimed the Shooting on Twitter, Hours after Publishing a Manifesto against Jews and LGBTI People," Denník N, October 13, 2022, https://dennikn.sk/3052833/k-strelbe-na-zamockej-sa-prihlasil-muz-na-twitteri-par-hodin-predtym-zverejnil-manifest-proti-zidom-a-lgbti/

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89	Oct. 12, 2022 Slovakia Europe and Central Asia	Matus Horwath Age undisclosed bisexual man	A young man carried out a mass shooting outside a gay bar. He had previously published a white supremacist manifesto against Jewish and LGBTIQ people on social media. He was the son of a member of a right-wing political party. Source: Matúš Zdút and Lucia Osvaldová, "Zámocká Street Attacker Found Dead; He Claimed the Shooting on Twitter, Hours after Publishing a Manifesto against Jews and LGBTI People," Denník N, October 13, 2022, https://dennikn.sk/3052833/k-strelbe-na-zamockej-sa-prihlasil-muz-na-twitteri-par-hodin-predtym-zverejnil-manifest-proti-zidom-a-lgbti/
90	Oct. 18, 2022 Honduras Americas	Melissa Núñez Age 42 trans woman	Trans human rights activist, Melissa Núñez, was shot by hooded assailants, and her killers remain at large. Source: Dunia Orellana, "Outrage Over the Murder of Trans Activist Melissa Núñez in Honduras," Presentes, October 24, 2022, https://agenciapresentes.org/2022/10/24/conmocion-por-asesinato-de-la-activista-trans-melissa-nunez-en-honduras/
91	Nov. 19, 2022 United States of America Americas	Ashley Paugh Age 35 straight cis woman	A 22-year-old man carried out a mass shooting at a queer club, killing five people and injuring 19. Source: NBC News, "Authorities Identify the 5 Victims Killed in the Colorado Springs LGBTQ Club Shooting," November 22, 2022, https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/live-updates-colorado-lgbtq-nightclub-shooting-victims-mourned-communi-rcna58126
92	Nov. 19, 2022 United States of America Americas	Daniel Ashton Age 28 trans man	A 22-year-old man carried out a mass shooting at a queer club, killing five people and injuring 19. Source: NBC News, "Authorities Identify the 5 Victims Killed in the Colorado Springs LGBTQ Club Shooting," November 22, 2022, https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/live-updates-colorado-lgbtq-nightclub-shooting-victims-mourned-communi-rcna58126
93	Nov. 19, 2022 United States of America Americas	Derrick Rump Age 38 gay man	A 22-year-old man carried out a mass shooting at a queer club, killing five people and injuring 19. Source: NBC News, "Authorities Identify the 5 Victims Killed in the Colorado Springs LGBTQ Club Shooting," November 22, 2022, https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/live-updates-colorado-lgbtq-nightclub-shooting-victims-mourned-communi-rcna58126
94	Nov. 19, 2022 United States of America Americas	Kelly Loving Age 40 trans woman	A 22-year-old man carried out a mass shooting at a queer club, killing five people and injuring 19. Source: NBC News, "Authorities Identify the 5 Victims Killed in the Colorado Springs LGBTQ Club Shooting," November 22, 2022, https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/live-updates-colorado-lgbtq-nightclub-shooting-victims-mourned-communi-rcna58126
95	Nov. 19, 2022 United States of America Americas	Raymond Green Vance Age 22 straight cis man	A 22-year-old man carried out a mass shooting at a queer club, killing five people and injuring 19. Source: NBC News, "Authorities Identify the 5 Victims Killed in the Colorado Springs LGBTQ Club Shooting," November 22, 2022, https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/live-updates-colorado-lgbtq-nightclub-shooting-victims-mourned-communi-rcna58126
96	Dec. 11, 2022 Chile Americas	Claudia Díaz Pérez Age 72 trans woman	A man killed Díaz Pérez in the beauty salon she owned. The court originally ruled the case a homicide, but the ruling was annulled, and the case is now being tried as a transnecicide. Source: MOVILH, "Court Annuls Transphobic Ruling That Had Denied the Womanhood of Claudia Díaz Pérez, an Older Adult Murdered in Cartagena," January 11, 2024, https://www.movilh.cl/corte-anula-transfobico-fallo-que-habia-negado-la-condicion-de-mujer-de-claudia-diaz-perez-una-adulta-mayor-asesinada-en-cartagena/
97	Dec. 31, 2022 Dominican Republic Americas	Yamel Félix Pérez Age 27 lesbian	According to activists, an army sergeant shot and killed Félix Pérez while shouting lesbophobic insults after she refused to dance with him at a bar. Source: Corpus Montero, "Diverse Community in Dominicana Denounces Hate Crime," Cronicards, January 4, 2023, https://cronicards.com/2023/01/diversidad-dominicana-denuncia-crimen-de-odio-en-cabral-barahona/

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2023			
98	Jan. 3, 2023 Uganda Sub-Saharan Africa	unidentified Age undisclosed trans woman	Police officers allegedly raided a house where five trans women lived, sexually assaulted and beat two of them, while the others managed to escape. One died from her injuries in the hospital. Source: Trans Day of Remembrance, "Database: Name Unknown," January 3, 2023, https://tdor.translivesmatter.info/reports/2023/01/03/name-unknown_bundibugyo-uganda_ba304ac4
99	Jan. 4, 2023 Türkiye Europe and Central Asia	Ecem Seçkin Age 22 trans woman	A client of Seçkin, a sex worker, killed her in her home. He had arrived at her home with three knives and a pair of gloves in his pocket, and stabbed her 31 times with 8 of them individually fatal. The man was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for intentional homicide, and the case is on appeal to Türkiye's Supreme Court. Source: Arti Gerçek, "Trans Woman Murdered in Izmir: Ecem Seçkin Was Stabbed to Death," January 5, 2023, https://artigercek.com/kadin/izmirde-trans-kadin-cinayeti-ecem-seckin-bicaklanarak-olduruldu-234818h ; Ogulgan Ozgenc, "Two Years Have Passed since Ecem Seçkin's Murder: What Has Happened in the Case from Then to Now," Kaos GL, January 6, 2023, https://kaosgl.org/haber/ecem-seckin-olduruleli-iki-yil-oldu-dunden-bugune-davada-yasananlar
100	Jan. 6, 2023 Kenya Sub-Saharan Africa	Edwin Kiprotich Chiloba Age 25 gay man	Chiloba was a prominent LGBTIQ activist. He was murdered by his housemate, and his body was found in a metal box on the side of the road. The perpetrator was convicted in 2024. Source: Evelyn Musambi, "Kenyan Man Convicted in LGBTQ Activist Edwin Chiloba's Killing," AP News, December 15, 2023, https://apnews.com/article/kenya-lgbtq-activist-chiloba-murder-8553f2b7ef2445a01cb2a34e91974ed9
101	Jan. 24, 2023 Colombia Americas	Alfredo Arrieta Viloría Age undisclosed gay man	Arrieta Viloría, a well-known LGBTIQ activist, was murdered in his home. Source: Infobae, "LGBTI Community Leader Killed in Sucre," January 26, 2023, https://www.infobae.com/colombia/2023/01/27/asesinan-a-un-lider-comunitario-lgbti-en-sucre/
102	Feb. 11, 2023 United Kingdom Europe and Central Asia	Brianna Ghey Age 16 trans girl	Two teenage friends of Ghey took her into the woods and stabbed her to death. They planned the murder, discussed that she would be an easy target, and "wanted to see if she would scream like a man or a girl." They had previously tried unsuccessfully to murder her by poisoning her with ibuprofen. Source: Helen Pidd, "Thousands of Messages Reveal How Teenagers Plotted Murder of Brianna Ghey," The Guardian, December 20, 2023, https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/dec/20/thousands-of-messages-reveal-how-teenagers-plotted-of-brianna-ghey
103	Feb. 26, 2023 Colombia Americas	Shaina Vanessa Pretel Age 28 trans woman	Shaina Vanessa Pretel was killed around 4:38 a.m. on February 26, 2023, in Distrito de Aguablanca, eastern Cali. Police investigation led to the arrest of a 26-year-old man and charged him with aggravated homicide, determining that the murder arose from "intolerance" linked with her gender identity. The suspect was in pretrial detention, and the case is still pending. Source: Cali, "This is How a Young Man Under Investigation for Homophobia and the Murder of a Transgender Woman Was Arrested," El Tiempo, https://www.eltiempo.com/colombia/cali/asi-cayo-el-homicida-por-homofobia-de-mujer-transgenero-en-cali-747493
104	March 4, 2023 Mexico Americas	Concepción González Canales Age 47 lesbian	Three people are being investigated for the murder of González Canales and Herrera de la Cruz, a lesbian couple, and two children of one of the women. The victims were found in trash bags. González Canales and Herrera de la Cruz were stabbed to death, and the children were asphyxiated. The children's bodies also showed evidence of sexual assault. Source: El Universal, "Three Arrested for Multiple Murder in the GAM; Victims Were Found in Black Bags," March 23, 2023, https://www.eluniversal.com.mx/metropoli/caen-3-por-asesinato-multiple-en-la-gam-las-victimas-fueron-encontradas-en-bolsas-negras/

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105	March 7, 2023 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Nomvula Chenene Age 28 lesbian	Chenene went missing in December 2022 and was found on March 7, 2023. Her skeletal remains were found in a shallow grave in the shack the alleged perpetrator was renting, after his girlfriend tipped off the police. Family members believe it was an anti-gay hate crime. Source: Snazo Notho, "Man Accused of Allegedly Murdering Former Bucs Player Bennet Chenene's Sister Gets New Legal Rep," Drum, September 22, 2023, https://www.news24.com/drum/news/local/man-accused-of-allegedly-murdering-former-bucs-player-bennet-chenenes-sister-gets-new-legal-rep-20230922
106	April 26, 2023 India Asia	Poonam Kumari Age 27 lesbian	A tantrik killed Kumari after supposedly offering to change her gender. Source: IANS, "Tantrik' Kills Lesbian in Uttar Pradesh on Pretext of Changing Her Gender," Deccan Herald, June 21, 2023, https://www.deccanherald.com/india/tantrik-kills-lesbian-in-uttar-pradesh-on-pretext-of-changing-her-gender-1229756.html
107	May 12, 2023 Colombia Americas	"La Pola" Dania Sharit Polo Age 43 trans woman	Polo was a trans activist who was shot by criminal groups and died in the hospital a week later from her injuries. Pamphlets threatening LGBTIQ people had previously been distributed in her town, Carmen de Bolívar. Source: Michell Figueroa, "Trans Leader Dania Sharit Polo Died after Suffering an Attack in Carmen de Bolívar," Infobae, May 13, 2023, https://www.infobae.com/colombia/2023/05/13/fallecio-la-lideresa-trans-dania-sharit-polo-tras-sufrir-un-atentado-en-carmen-de-bolivar/
108	May 26, 2023 Mexico Americas	Michel Castro Age 32 gay man	Castro was a deaf LGBTIQ activist. A man is being prosecuted for bludgeoning him with a sledgehammer in his house and then hiding his body in a shallow grave. Source: Maby Sosa, "Activist Michel Castro Was Missing for Ten Days and Was Found Murdered," Agencia Presentes, June 7, 2023, https://agenciapresentes.org/2023/06/07/el-activista-michel-castro-estuvo-diez-dias-desaparecido-y-lo-encuentran-asesinado/
109	June 18, 2023 Grenada Americas	Jonty Robinson Age 24 gay man	A man was charged and is being investigated for strangling Robinson to death. Robinson was found dead on a beach. Source: St. Vincent Times, "ECADE Demands Action in Jonty Robinson Murder Case," October 16, 2024, https://www.stvincenttimes.com/ecade-demands-action-in-jonty-robinson-murder-case/
110	July 3, 2023 Azerbaijan Europe and Central Asia	Hulya Sadighova Age 26 trans woman	Sadighova was found dead after she had been missing for days. Her body showed signs of severe violence. Source: Minority, "Trans Woman Tortured to Death in Baku," July 19, 2023, https://minorityaze.org/en/1263-trans-woman-tortured-to-death-in-baku
111	July 10, 2023 Greece Europe and Central Asia	Anna Ivankova (also known as Anna Hernández) Age 46 trans woman	She was found to have been repeatedly stabbed and was dead from hemorrhagic shock. News reports misgendered her. She was a dancer, a refugee, and occasionally engaged in sex work, living in Greece after fleeing Cuba, where she faced gender-related discrimination. Source: Samantha Riedel, "A Black Trans Woman Was Killed in Her Home in Greece," Them, July 14, 2023, https://www.them.us/story/anna-ivankova-black-trans-woman-killed-in-her-home-in-greece
112	July 13, 2023 Colombia Americas	Franklin Pavón Camacho Age 39 nonbinary	Franklin Pabón Camacho was a nonbinary LGBTIQ human rights activist and a liaison for LGBTIQ+ rights with the Municipality of Malambo, along with their membership in the Territorial Council for Peace. A group of unknown individuals shot them in the street at night, after Camacho had received threats, including from an organized crime group. A man has been arrested in respect of Camacho's killing, and investigators are considering a hate crime. Source: Caribe Afirmativo, "Nonbinary and LGBTIQ+ Activist Murdered in Malambo," July 13, 2023, https://www.caribeafirmativo.lgbt/asesinaron-al-activista-y-enlace-lgbtic-del-municipio-de-malambo/ ; Deivis Jhoan López Ortega, "This is the Dangerous 20-Year-Old Murderer who was One of Barranquilla's Most Wanted: This is How He Operated," El Tiempo, February 4, 2025, https://www.eltiempo.com/colombia/barranquilla/este-es-el-peligroso-homicida-de-20-anos-que-estaba-entre-los-mas-buscados-de-barranquilla-asi-actuaba-3423952

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113	July 15, 2023 Mexico Americas	Ulises Salvador Nava Juárez Age 29 gay man	Nava Juárez was an LGBTIQ activist. Two men on a motorcycle shot him six times as he was leaving an event at a local museum. He had previously received death threats. Source: United Nations Mexico, "UN Condemns Homicide against Journalist and Human Rights Defender and Calls for Due Investigations on Those Responsible," Press Release, July 18, 2023, https://mexico.un.org/es/239823-onu-dh-condena-homicidios-en-contra-de-periodista-y-defensor-de-derechos-humanos-y-llama
114	July 20, 2023 Serbia Europe and Central Asia	Noa Milivojev Age 18 trans woman	Milivojev's partner killed her in his apartment, dismembered her, and concealed her remains in buckets. A group of men with alleged right-wing ties then desecrated the memorial her friends had created in the city center. Source: BL Portal, "Mother of Murdered Noa Reveals How She Learned the Terrible News: 'I Started Receiving Messages and Calls,'" April 17, 2026, https://www.bl-portal.com/region/majka-ubijene-noe-otkrila-kako-je-saznala-za-uzasnu-vijest-pocela-sam-da-dobijam-poruke-i-pozive/
115	July 29, 2023 United States of America Americas	O'Shae Sibley Age 28 gay man	A teenage boy stabbed Sibley at a gas station, shouting homophobic and racist slurs at him. He was charged with murder and convicted of the hate crime. Source: Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, "Brooklyn Man Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison for Killing O'Shae Sibley in Anti-Gay Attack at Midwood Gas Station," Press Release, July 16, 2026, https://www.brooklynada.org/2026/07/16/brooklyn-man-sentenced-to-20-years-in-prison-for-killing-oshae-sibley-in-anti-gay-attack-at-midwood-gas-station/ ; Ramon Antonio Vargas, "New York Man Who Killed Gay Dancer Faces 25 Years after Hate-Crime Conviction," Guardian, June 13, 2026, https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jun/13/new-york-oshae-sibley-death-conviction
116	Aug. 11, 2023 United States of America Americas	Nicholas "August" Golden Age 35 cisgender man	An 18-year-old man carried out a mass shooting at a queer punk event at the venue Nudieland, injuring six people and murdering musician Nicolas Golden. Source: Denny Agassi, "Nudieland, a Haven for Queer and Trans Punks, Shattered by Hate-Fueled Mass Shooting," Reckon, August 15, 2023, https://www.reckon.news/lgbtq/2023/08/nudieland-a-haven-for-queer-and-trans-punks-shattered-by-hate-fueled-mass-shooting.html
117	Aug. 12, 2023 Puerto Rico, in the United States of America Americas	Luis Ángel Díaz Castro Age 22 trans man	Díaz Castro's former partner allegedly killed him and hid his body in his closet, where police found it after his mother reported him missing. Source: Adalberto Torres González, "Body of Missing Young Man Found in Apartment Closet," Telemundo Puerto Rico, August 12, 2023, https://www.telemundopr.com/noticias/puerto-rico/localizan-en-el-closet-de-un-apartamento-el-cadaver-de-joven-desaparecido/2518905/
118	Aug. 18, 2023 United States of America Americas	Laura Ann Carleton Age 66 heterosexual cisgender woman	Carleton owned a store and hung a Pride flag outside it. A man shot her to death after making comments about the flag. Source: Doha Madani, "California Store Owner, Mother of 9, Shot over a Pride Flag Displayed in Her Shop," NBC News, August 20, 2023, https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/california-store-owner-mother-nine-shot-killed-pride-flag-displayed-sh-rcna100849
119	Aug. 20, 2023 Armenia Europe and Central Asia	Adriana Age 28 trans woman	Adriana was stabbed to death, and her apartment was set on fire. She had previously contacted police after a man she went on a date with threatened her with a knife. Source: Lillian Avedian, "I Want to Live: Trans Woman Murdered in Armenia," Armenian Weekly, August 23, 2023, https://armenianweekly.com/2023/08/23/i-want-to-live-trans-woman-murdered-in-armenia/
120	Aug. 23, 2023 Russia Europe and Central Asia	Seda Suleymanova Age 26 bisexual woman	Suleymanova was abducted by individuals who identified themselves as police officers and who, according to activists, handed her over to her family in Chechnya, who killed her. Source: Coming Out and North Caucasus SOS Crisis Group, Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, June 2024, https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/executions/cfis/2024-lgbtqi/subm-killing-lgbtqi-cso-coming-out.pdf , p. 5.

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121	Sept. 1, 2023 Mexico Americas	Moisés Tomás Juárez Abarca Age 38 gay man	Juárez Abarca and Vargas Hernández disappeared on September 1 and were found in a mass grave with five other people on October 12. Juárez Abarca and Vargas Hernández were both activists and leaders in their community. Source: Geo González, "Mexico: Disappeared LGBT Activist Identified in an Illegal Grave," Agencia Presentes, October 24, 2023, https://agenciapresentes.org/2023/10/24/mexico-identificaron-en-una-fosa-clandestina-a-dos-activistas-lgbt/
122	Sept. 1, 2023 Mexico Americas	Brian Josué Vargas Hernández Age 25 gay man	Juárez Abarca and Vargas Hernández disappeared on September 1 and were found in a mass grave with five other people on October 12. Juárez Abarca and Vargas Hernández were both activists and leaders in their community. Source: Geo González, "Mexico: Disappeared LGBT Activist Identified in an Illegal Grave," Agencia Presentes, October 24, 2023, https://agenciapresentes.org/2023/10/24/mexico-identificaron-en-una-fosa-clandestina-a-dos-activistas-lgbt/
123	Sept. 2, 2023 Chile Americas	Éber Albarrán ("Ever") Age 30 trans man	A man was convicted of murdering and dismembering Albarrán and disposing of his remains. He was originally sentenced to life in prison, but his sentence was reduced to 15 years on appeal. Source: Cristian Gaete, "From Life Imprisonment to 15 Years: Supreme Court Reduces Sentence for Murderer of Trans Youth in Los Angeles," El Contraste, July 3, 2025, https://elcontraste.cl/judicial/2025/07/03/de-presidio-perpetuo-a-15-anos-suprema-reduce-pena-a-autor-del-asesinato-de-joven-trans-en-los-angeles/
124	Sept. 8, 2023 Colombia Americas	Alba Karina Velasco Age 33 lesbian	Two individuals on a motorcycle shot Velasco while she was riding her motorcycle. She was an informal motorcycle-taxi driver and LGBTIQ activist. Source: Carlos López, "Activist Killed in Cauca: Collectives Denounce It as a Hate Crime Based on Sexual Orientation," El Tiempo, September 11, 2023, https://www.eltiempo.com/justicia/delitos/alba-karina-velasco-lideresa-fue-asesinada-en-santander-de-quilichao-cauca-804629
125	Sept. 19, 2023 Namibia Sub-Saharan Africa	Gerome Helgrain Age 41 gay man	A man broke into Helgrain's home, raped him, stabbed him 40 times, and stole items from his home. Helgrain died from his wounds. Source: Ellen Albertz, "Rape and Murder Suspect in Lüderitz Court," Namibian, September 25, 2023, https://www.namibian.com.na/rape-and-murder-suspect-in-luderitz-court/
126	Oct. 16, 2023 Brazil Americas	Valentina Reis Rodrigues Age 37 trans woman	Two men arrived at a house party Rodrigues was attending and beat her to death. One of the men was allegedly a military police officer. Source: "Trans Woman Dies after Being Beaten in Rio de Janeiro; 'It Cannot Go Unpunished,' Says Mother," Extra, October 17, 2023, https://extra.globo.com/rio/casos-de-policia/noticia/2023/10/mulher-trans-morre-apos-ser-espancada-no-rj-nao-pode-ficar-impune-diz-mae.ghtml
127	Nov. 8, 2023 Honduras Americas	Mónica Alondra Santos Munguía Age 32 trans woman	Mónica Alondra Santos Munguía was shot twice in the chest. Her killing remains unsolved at the time of this writing. Source: Dunia Orellana, "LGBTQ People Killed in Honduras in 2023 Go Up to 47," Washington Blade, November 16, 2023, https://www.washingtonblade.com/2023/11/16/a-47-suben-personas-lgbtq-asesinadas-en-honduras-en-2023/
128	Nov. 11, 2023 Honduras Americas	Abigail Zelaya Vásquez Age 27 trans woman	Abigail Zelaya Vásquez was found with stab wounds. Her killing remains unsolved at the time of this writing. Source: Dunia Orellana, "LGBTQ People Killed in Honduras in 2023 Go Up to 47," Washington Blade, November 16, 2023, https://www.washingtonblade.com/2023/11/16/a-47-suben-personas-lgbtq-asesinadas-en-honduras-en-2023/

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129	Nov. 23, 2023 Mexico Americas	Jesús Ociel Baena Age 38 nonbinary	Magistrate Baena was found dead in their apartment alongside their partner. Official investigations concluded it was a murder-suicide perpetrated by the partner, but family members and activists denounced that Baena had received previous threats and they believe it was a hate crime. The investigation was reopened in December 2025. Source: Gabriela Montaña, "Mexico: A Year without Justice for Ociel Baena and Dorian Herrera," Agencia Presentes, November 13, 2024, https://agenciapresentes.org/2024/11/13/mexico-un-ano-sin-justicia-para-ociel-baena-y-dorian-herrera/ ; Zócalo, "A Judge Received a Death Threat; Inconsistencies Have Been Found in the Case," November 18, 2023, https://www.zocalo.com.mx/recibo-magistrade-amenaza-de-muerte-ven-inconsistencias-en-caso-principal/
130	Nov. 26, 2023 United States of America Americas	Bernardo Pantaleon Age 30 gay man	The suspect arrested for Pantaleon's murder admitted to shooting him after "an unwanted advance made him uncomfortable." He then returned to the body with an accomplice and mutilated it. They sent pictures of the mutilated body to Pantaleon's family. Source: CBS News, "Phoenix Murder Suspects Sent Photos of Mutilated Body to Gay Victim's Family, Police Say," December 6, 2023, https://www.cbsnews.com/news/bernardo-pantaleon-killed-phoenix-suspects-sent-photos-mutilated-body-gay-victim-family-police-say/
131	Dec. 10, 2023 Brazil Americas	Ana Caroline Sousa Campelo Age 21 lesbian	Campelo was found dead after returning home from work. Her body was found in a street; her eyes and ears had been cut off, as had parts of the skin of her face. Activists have denounced the poor and slow criminal investigation into the case and the need to investigate not just femicides but lesbicides. The killer was convicted in November 2025. Source: Patrícia Rosa, "Man Accused of Murdering Young Lesbian Ana Caroline Campelo Sentenced to 27 Years in Prison in Maranhão," Revista Afirmativa, November 7, 2025, https://revistaafirmativa.com.br/acusado-de-assassinar-a-jovem-lesbica-ana-caroline-campelo-e-condenado-a-27-anos-de-prisao-no-maranhao/
132	Dec. 30, 2023 Namibia Sub-Saharan Africa	Vernon Gavin Age 52 gay man	According to the case on trial, two men robbed, raped, and murdered Gavin in his home by asphyxiation. His body was discovered bound and gagged in his bathroom. Source: Iuze Mukube, "Bank Employee Killers Case Deferred," New Era, January 28, 2026, https://neweralive.na/bank-employee-killers-case-deferred/
133	Dec. 31, 2023 United States of America Americas	Kitty Monroe Age 41 trans woman	Monroe was killed in a hit-and-run. Her family believes it was a targeted hate crime. Source: Jose R. Gonzalez, "Phoenix Family Fears Hit-and-Run Victim Was Targeted for Being Transgender," USA Today, January 17, 2024, https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2024/01/17/hit-and-run-marcos-lugo-phoenix-transgender/72253299007/
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134	Jan. 13, 2024 Colombia Americas	Cristina Ramírez Age 40 trans and intersex woman	On January 13, 2024, armed assailants, suspected by activists to be linked with conflict-related armed groups in the region, entered the home of Cristina Ramírez, a transgender and intersex woman, and shot her four times. Source: Caribe Afirmativo, "An Intersex Person was Murdered in Montelibano, in Southern Córdoba," January 13, 2024, https://www.caribeafirmativo.lgbt/una-persona-intersex-fue-asesinada-en-montelibano-sur-de-cordoba/
135	Jan. 14, 2024 Mexico Americas	Samantha Fonseca Age 37 trans woman	Fonseca was a trans activist and congressional candidate. A hitman shot her while she was in a car. While the motives of the killing remain unknown, on the day before her murder, Fonseca had spoken out against the discrimination and violence trans women experience in the country. Source: Shaila Rosagel, "Samantha Fonseca, a Trans Activist and Morena Senate Candidate in Mexico City, Is Killed," Animal Político, January 15, 2024, https://grupoanimal.mx/sociedad/matan-samantha-fonseca-activista-trans-aspirante-senado-morena-cdmx

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136	Jan. 31, 2024 Iran South West Asia and North Africa	Parsa Age 17 gender nonconforming/unclear	Parsa was murdered by their father, who had been punishing Parsa since they were 14 for gender nonconforming behavior, physical abuse, conversion practices, and false imprisonment. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, although some media channels kept misgendering Parsa. Source: Article 19, "Iran: Gender Apartheid and a Culture of Impunity Enabled Teen's Murder," February 2, 2024, https://www.article19.org/resources/iran-gender-apartheid-and-a-culture-of-impunity-enabled-teens-murder/
137	Feb. 3, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Diego Jacobs Age 21 gay man	A neighbor who frequently verbally harassed Jacobs because of his sexual orientation stabbed him in the neck, calling him a slur. Source: Roberto Igual, "Hate Crime: Murder of Queer 21-Year-Old in Cape Town," MambaOnline, February 7, 2024, https://www.mambaonline.com/2024/02/07/hate-crime-murder-of-queer-21-year-old-in-cape-town/
138	Feb. 6, 2024 Colombia Americas	Aldinebin Ramos Age undisclosed gender nonbinary	Aldinebin Ramos, a nonbinary peace activist who was murdered on February 6, 2024, in Tolima when a group of armed men opened fire on the people in their house. Following the killing, an armed group posted a circular threatening a list of people with death and declaring them "military targets," including queer people and their relatives, forcing some to leave the neighborhood. Source: Colombia Diversa, "In Memory of Aldinebin Ramos," accessed September 30, 2026, https://colombiadiversa.org/en/in-memory-of-aldinebin-ramos/#
139	Feb. 18, 2024 Australia Pacific	Jesse Baird Age 26 gay man	Married couple Baird and Davies were found dead in their home with gunshot wounds. A former police officer is being investigated for the murders but pleaded not guilty at trial in August 2025. Source: Maryanne Taouk, "Text Messages, a Bullet Casing and a White Van—What Is Known in the Alleged Double Murder of Luke Davies and Jesse Baird," ABC News Australia, February 23, 2024, https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-23/timeline-of-events-in-luke-davies-jesse-baird-alleged-murder/103504644
140	Feb. 18, 2024 Australia Pacific	Luke Davies Age 29 gay man	Married couple Baird and Davies were found dead in their home with gunshot wounds. A former police officer is being investigated for the murders but pleaded not guilty at trial in August 2025. Source: Maryanne Taouk, "Text Messages, a Bullet Casing and a White Van—What Is Known in the Alleged Double Murder of Luke Davies and Jesse Baird," ABC News Australia, February 23, 2024, https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-23/timeline-of-events-in-luke-davies-jesse-baird-alleged-murder/103504644
141	Feb. 21, 2024 India Asia	undisclosed Age 52 gay man	An 18-year-old and two children, a 17-year-old and a 14-year-old, lured an unnamed victim using a gay dating app and threatened to out him unless he paid them. They beat him up when he said he had no money, and he died in the hospital from his injuries. Source: The Times of India, "Diamond Worker Lured over Gay Dating App, Murdered" March 9, 2024, https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/surat/diamond-worker-murdered-in-surat-after-being-lured-over-gay-dating-app/articleshow/108339580.cms
142	March 3, 2024 Namibia Sub-Saharan Africa	Lucky "Queen" Uwuseb Age 35 trans woman	Uwuseb's body was found by a riverbed three days after she went missing. Her friends and family believe it was a hate crime. Source: Zorena Jantze, "Member of LGBTQ Community Found Dead in Riverbed," Informanté, March 6, 2024, https://informante.web.na/?p=355378
143	March 12, 2024 Azerbaijan Europe and Central Asia	Aytan Age undisclosed trans woman	Aytan was found dead, and her body showed evidence of severe violence. Authorities did not confirm to activists whether an investigation into her murder had been opened. Source: Aytan Farhadova, "Azerbaijani Authorities Remain Silent over Murder of Trans Woman," OC Media, March 22, 2024, https://oc-media.org/azerbaijani-authorities-remain-silent-over-murder-of-trans-woman/

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144	March 23, 2024 Namibia Sub-Saharan Africa	Gurney Elrich Uirab Age 35 gay man	A man fatally stabbed Uirab following an argument in which he allegedly hurled homophobic slurs at Uirab Source: Zorena Jantze, "Tsumeb Man Killed after Allegedly Responding to Homophobic Remarks," Informanté, March 27, 2024, https://informante.web.na/?p=356207
145	March 1, 2024 Fiji Oceania	Esther Ravato Age 19 trans woman	Activists report that a group of people assaulted and murdered Esther, a trans sex worker, although police described as arising from medical complications. Source: RNZ, "Call for Justice after Suspected Murder of Fiji's LGBTQI+ Community Member," April 16, 2024, https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/pacific/514403/call-for-justice-after-suspected-murder-of-fiji-s-lgbtqi-community-member ; Jeremie Lusseau, "Cause of Death Classified as Medical Complications in Fiji Gender-Diverse Case," Radio New Zealand, April 17, 2024, https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/pacific/514481/cause-of-death-classified-as-medical-complications-in-fiji-gender-diverse-case
146	April 5, 2024 United States of America Americas	River Nevaeh Goddard Age 17 nonbinary	River Navaeh Goddard, a 17-year-old nonbinary teen from Rhode Island, was killed in 2024 by an abusive boyfriend after running away in 2022 from a reportedly abusive home. Source: Ryan Adamczeski, "Nonbinary 17-Year-Old Killed Two Years after Being Reported Missing," Advocate, April 22, 2024, https://www.advocate.com/crime/nonbinary-river-goddard-nevaeh-killed
147	April 16, 2024 Brazil Americas	Carlos Teixeira Age 13 gay boy	Bullies at Teixeira's school repeatedly harassed him, including once hitting him in the back. After this assault, he developed a lung infection and died from respiratory arrest days later. Source: G1, "Last Words of Teenager Assaulted at School were About Fear of Him Dying, Father Says," April 20, 2024, https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/noticia/2024/04/20/ultimas-palavras-de-adolescente-agredido-em-escola-foram-sobre-o-medo-dele-morrer-diz-pai.html
148	April 18, 2024 Guatemala Americas	Milton Nelson Santamaría Age 45 gay man	Eldin Leonel Choc Xi and his partner, Milton Nelson Santamaría, were arrested and beaten by police officers who mocked them with homophobic slurs. Santamaría died from his injuries and it is alleged that the officers staged his death as a traffic accident. Officers took Xi to another location and allegedly killed him there, and his body was found in a ravine. Six officers were charged with the extrajudicial killing of Xi and Santamaría. The trial is in progress. Source: Carlos Raúl Kestler, "The Latest Crime at Substation 73-15," Plaza Pública, March 6, 2025, https://plazapublica.com.gt/guatemala-desigual/informacion/el-ultimo-crimen-de-la-subestacion-73-15 ; Oscar García, "Mayor of San Andrés Itzapa Testifies in Trial Against Former Police Officers Accused of the Murder of Nelson Santamaría and Eldin Choc," Prensa Libre, September 22, 2026, https://www.prensalibre.com/guatemala/justicia/alcalde-de-san-andres-itzapa-declara-en-juicio-contras-expolicias-senalados-por-crimen-de-nelson-santamaria-y-eldin-choc-breaking/
149	April 19, 2024 Guatemala Americas	Eldin Leonel Choc Xi Age 28 gay man	Eldin Leonel Choc Xi and his partner, Milton Nelson Santamaría, were arrested and beaten by police officers who mocked them with homophobic slurs. Santamaría died from his injuries and it is alleged that the officers staged his death as a traffic accident. Officers took Xi to another location and allegedly killed him there, and his body was found in a ravine. Six officers were charged with the extrajudicial killing of Xi and Santamaría. The trial is in progress. Source: Carlos Raúl Kestler, "The Latest Crime at Substation 73-15," Plaza Pública, March 6, 2025, https://plazapublica.com.gt/guatemala-desigual/informacion/el-ultimo-crimen-de-la-subestacion-73-15 ; Oscar García, "Mayor of San Andrés Itzapa Testifies in Trial Against Former Police Officers Accused of the Murder of Nelson Santamaría and Eldin Choc," Prensa Libre, September 22, 2026, https://www.prensalibre.com/guatemala/justicia/alcalde-de-san-andres-itzapa-declara-en-juicio-contras-expolicias-senalados-por-crimen-de-nelson-santamaria-y-eldin-choc-breaking/

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150	April 29, 2024 Brazil Americas	Luiz Felipe Age 12 gay boy	Luiz Felipe's stepfather beat him with a wooden slat and forced him to do sit-ups, allegedly for "misbehaving." Luiz Felipe died shortly afterward in the hospital from respiratory failure. The crime is being treated as motivated by homophobia. Source: Alenita Ramirez, "Child Dies after Being Beaten with Sticks by His Stepfather," Correio Popular, April 29, 2024, https://correio.rac.com.br/seguranca/crianca-morre-ao-levar-surra-de-pauladas-do-seu-padrasto-11506486
151	May 4, 2024 Namibia Sub-Saharan Africa	Sexy Frederik Age 30 trans woman	Frederik's body was discovered naked on the ground with 61 stab wounds and her mutilated genitals on her chest. Source: Roberto Igual, "Namibia: Rise in Deadly Hate Crimes against LGBTQIA+ Community," MambaOnline, May 3, 2024, https://www.mambaonline.com/2024/05/03/rising-deadly-hate-crimes-against-lgbtqia-community-in-namibia/
152	May 6, 2024 Argentina Americas	Pamela Fabiana Cobbas Age 52 lesbian	A suspect threw a Molotov cocktail into the home of his four lesbian neighbors at night, setting them on fire and hitting and pushing them back into the fire when they tried to escape the room. Within a week, Pamela Fabiana Cobbas, Mercedes Roxana Figueroa, and Andrea Amarante died from their injuries, leaving one survivor, Sofía Castro Riglos. The accused had previously threatened at least two of them with death and had called them "monsters" for being lesbians. Source: Andre Rivas and Laura Piazza, "Killing of Three Lesbians in Argentina Signals Need for Attention to Anti-LBQ Violence," Outright International, June 28, 2024, https://outrightinternational.org/insights/killing-three-lesbians-argentina-signals-need-attention-anti-lbq-violence ; Agencia Presentes, "The Trial for the Triple Lesbianicide and Attack in Barracas Has Begun: Calls to Broadcast More Hearings," May 18, 2026, https://agenciapresentes.org/2026/05/18/empezo-el-juicio-por-el-triple-lesbicidio-y-ataque-en-barracas/
153	May 6, 2024 Argentina Americas	Mercedes Roxana Figueroa Age 52 lesbian	A suspect threw a Molotov cocktail into the home of his four lesbian neighbors at night, setting them on fire and hitting and pushing them back into the fire when they tried to escape the room. Within a week, Pamela Fabiana Cobbas, Mercedes Roxana Figueroa, and Andrea Amarante died from their injuries, leaving one survivor, Sofía Castro Riglos. The accused had previously threatened at least two of them with death and had called them "monsters" for being lesbians. Source: Andre Rivas and Laura Piazza, "Killing of Three Lesbians in Argentina Signals Need for Attention to Anti-LBQ Violence," Outright International, June 28, 2024, https://outrightinternational.org/insights/killing-three-lesbians-argentina-signals-need-attention-anti-lbq-violence ; Agencia Presentes, "The Trial for the Triple Lesbianicide and Attack in Barracas Has Begun: Calls to Broadcast More Hearings," May 18, 2026, https://agenciapresentes.org/2026/05/18/empezo-el-juicio-por-el-triple-lesbicidio-y-ataque-en-barracas/
154	May 6, 2024 Argentina Americas	Andrea Amarante Age 43 lesbian	A suspect threw a Molotov cocktail into the home of his four lesbian neighbors at night, setting them on fire and hitting and pushing them back into the fire when they tried to escape the room. Within a week, Pamela Fabiana Cobbas, Mercedes Roxana Figueroa, and Andrea Amarante died from their injuries, leaving one survivor, Sofía Castro Riglos. The accused had previously threatened at least two of them with death and had called them "monsters" for being lesbians. Source: Andre Rivas and Laura Piazza, "Killing of Three Lesbians in Argentina Signals Need for Attention to Anti-LBQ Violence," Outright International, June 28, 2024, https://outrightinternational.org/insights/killing-three-lesbians-argentina-signals-need-attention-anti-lbq-violence ; Agencia Presentes, "The Trial for the Triple Lesbianicide and Attack in Barracas Has Begun: Calls to Broadcast More Hearings," May 18, 2026, https://agenciapresentes.org/2026/05/18/empezo-el-juicio-por-el-triple-lesbicidio-y-ataque-en-barracas/
155	May 7, 2024 United States of America Americas	Tayy Dior Thomas Age 17 trans girl	Thomas's long-term partner fired 18 shots at her car. He allegedly killed her out of fear that their relationship would become known. Source: Samantha Riedel, "Tayy Dior Thomas, 'Shy but Fearless' 17-Year-Old Trans Girl, Killed in Alabama," Them, May 24, 2024, https://www.them.us/story/tayy-dior-thomas-trans-woman-killed-alabama

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156	May 13, 2024 Lebanon South West Asia and North Africa	Tala Age undisclosed trans woman	Police arrested two men for the murder of Tala, a trans woman. They were seen taking her out of a car, beating and stabbing her, and leaving her body in the street. The attackers allegedly cut off her clothes and photographed her naked body. Source: L'Orient Today, "ISF Arrests Two in Murder of Transgender Woman in Dora," May 21, 2024, https://today.lorientlejour.com/article/1414595/transgender-murder-in-dora-solved.html
157	May 24, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Jo-Ann Isaks Age 27 trans woman	Isaks's body was found with stab wounds in her room, which had been set on fire. No motive for the crime has been established, but activists suspect a hate crime given the prevalence of discrimination against queer people in her area. Source: Roberto Igual, "Uppington Transgender Woman Murdered in Suspected Hate Crime," MambaOnline, May 24, 2024, https://www.mambaonline.com/2024/05/24/transgender-woman-murdered-in-uppington-in-suspected-hate-crime/
158	June 1, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Karabelo Pudumo Age 18 trans woman	According to reports, a group of men stabbed Pudumo 20 times while she was out with her friends, allegedly motivated by transphobia. Source: "Transgender Kimberley High School Teen Murdered in Suspected Hate Crime," MambaOnline, June 13, 2024, https://www.mambaonline.com/2024/06/13/transgender-kimberley-high-school-teen-murdered-in-suspected-hate-crime/
159	June 7, 2024 Mexico Americas	Lived name unidentified, surname Suárez Age 46 trans woman	A man sexually assaulted a trans woman on the street, and when she fought back in self-defense, he beat her to death. Source: Rafael Mejía Fernández de Lara, "Trans Woman Killed by Ex-Inmate after He Sexually Abused Her in Cuauhtémoc," Milenio, June 18, 2024, https://www.milenio.com/policia/mujer-trans-es-asesinada-por-ex-reo-en-alcaldia-cuauhtemoc
160	June 10, 2024 Colombia Americas	Daniela Perea Age 16 trans girl	Perea was stoned to death; her body was found after she had been missing for three days. Investigations did not determine who the perpetrators were. Source: Chocó 7 Días, "16-Year-Old Trans Teenager Murdered in Tadó," June 13, 2024, https://choco7dias.com/adolescente-trans-de-16-anos-fue-asesinada-en-tado-choco/
161	June 13, 2024 Türkiye Europe and Central Asia	Gece Yaniker Age 23 trans woman	Yaniker had been missing and was then found dead. Friends believe it was a hate crime. Source: Almira Star, "A Trans Woman Slaughtered in Istanbul," ABC Gazetesi, June 14, 2024, https://abcgazetesi.com.tr/istanbulda-bir-trans-kadin-katledilimis-oldu-751198
162	June 17, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Neliseka "Nelly" Xeke Age 28 lesbian	According to reports, a man was assaulting Xeke's girlfriend and stabbed Xeke when she intervened to defend her. They were at a tavern celebrating her birthday. Source: OUT LGBT Well-Being, "OUT Condemns Horrific Murder of Neliseka 'Nelly' Xeke," accessed September 9, 2026, https://out.org.za/out-condemns-horrific-murder-of-neliseka-nelly-xeke/
163	June 25, 2024 United States of America Americas	Pauly Likens Age 14 trans girl	A man was charged with homicide for killing and dismembering Likens, whom he met on a dating app. Source: Mamie Bah, "Grisly Details Emerge about Killing and Dismemberment of Transgender Pennsylvania Teenager," CBS News, July 25, 2024, https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/preliminary-hearing-transgender-mercere-county-teenager-killed-dismembered/
164	July 16, 2024 France Europe and Central Asia	Géraldine Age 30 trans woman	A client killed Géraldine, a sex worker, after discovering her gender identity. Source: Le Parisien, "Death of a Transgender Woman in Paris: Associations Call for a Gathering," July 11, 2024, https://www.leparisien.fr/societe/mort-dune-femme-transgenre-a-paris-les-associations-appellent-a-un-rassemblement-11-07-2024-Q6TZQ3QHRJB7DI3Y2CJ5O3SH6E.php

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165	July 22, 2024 Syria South West Asia and North Africa	M.E. Age undisclosed trans woman	M.E. was a trans asylum seeker living with HIV whose identity and HIV status were shared on social media, and she was subjected to hate speech. She was deported and killed five days later. Source: KAOS GL, "Deported Refugee Trans Woman Murdered," July 29, 2024, https://kaosgl.org/en/single-news/deported-refugee-trans-woman-murdered
166	July 30, 2024 Türkiye Europe and Central Asia	E.Ş. Age undisclosed trans woman	A man stabbed E.Ş., a trans woman, more than 50 times in her home. The attacker reportedly said "I thought she was a woman" to police. Source: Oğulcan Özgenç, "Hate Attack in Izmir: The Attacker Was Caught Thanks to Trans Women Who Heard E.Ş.'s Cry for Help," KAOS GL, July 16, 2024, https://kaosgl.org/en/single-news/hate-attack-in-izmir-the-attacker-was-caught-thanks-to-trans-women-who-heard-e-s-s-cry-for-help
167	Aug. 7, 2024 Nigeria Sub-Saharan Africa	Surname, Benedict. Known as "Abuja Area Mama" Age 33 trans woman	Area Mama was killed, and her body was found along an expressway in Abuja. She had previously posted about being stabbed by an unidentified man. Source: Wycliffe Muia, "Nigerian Transgender TikTok Found Dead," BBC News, August 9, 2024, https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0rwwg5krq98o
168	Aug. 8, 2024 Dominican Republic Americas	Lived name unidentified, surname Acosta (Deadnamed in news reports) Age 20 trans woman	A 20-year-old trans woman was hit and abducted by a soldier after he accused her of stealing his e-cigarette. She was found dead six days later with gunshot wounds, and the soldier was charged and investigated. Source: Sin Violencia LGBTQ+, "Homicides of LGBTQ People in Latin America and the Caribbean: Annual Report 2024," September 2025, https://sinviolencia.lgbt/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/informe-homicidios-lgbtq-2024-america-latina.pdf , 47.
169	Aug. 18, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Xolani Xaka Age 32 gay man	Three men knocked on Xaka's door one evening and stabbed him to death outside his home. Source: OUT LGBT Well-being, "Media Statement: OUT Mourns the Murder of Gqeberha Gay Man Xolani Xaka," August 31, 2024, https://out.org.za/media-statement-out-mourns-the-murder-of-gqeberha-gay-man-xolani-xaka/
170	Aug. 27, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Minenhle Ngcobo Age 21 bisexual	A man shot Bhixa and Ngcobo in the head after an argument with them. He was the former partner of one of them. Source: Daniel Itai, "Lesbian Couple Murdered in South Africa," Washington Blade, September 10, 2024, https://www.washingtonblade.com/2024/09/10/lesbian-couple-murdered-in-south-africa/ ; Roberto Igual, "Murder of Lesbian Couple in KZN Highlights Persistent LGBTQ+ Hate Crimes," MambaOnline, September 3, 2024, https://www.mambaonline.com/2024/09/03/murder-of-lesbian-couple-in-kzn-highlights-persistent-lgbtq-hate-crimes/ ; Luiz de Barrios, "Victims of Deadly Hate Crimes Honoured at Johannesburg Pride," MambaOnline, October 30, 2024, https://www.mambaonline.com/2024/10/30/victims-of-deadly-hate-crimes-honoured-at-johannesburg-pride/
171	Aug. 27, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Nombulelo Bhixa Age 28 lesbian	A man shot Bhixa and Ngcobo in the head after an argument with them. He was the former partner of one of them. Source: Graham Robson, "Friends 'Shocked and Heartbroken' After Lesbian Couple Murdered in South Africa," Scene Magazine, September 5, 2024, https://www.scenemag.co.uk/friends-shocked-and-heartbroken-after-lesbian-couple-murdered-in-south-africa/
172	Sept. 1, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Nokuthula Veronica Bottoman Age 35 lesbian	Bottoman's body was found with a stab wound. She reportedly also showed signs of rape. Source: OUT LGBT Well-Being, "Statement: We Remember—OUT Honours Hate Crime Murder Victims at Johannesburg Pride," October 30, 2024, https://out.org.za/we-remember-out-honours-hate-crime-murder-victims-at-johannesburg-pride/
173	Sept. 1, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Sipho Mahlinza Age 27 gay man	A group of men approached Mahlinza and his partner in his car, and when they refused to give the men a lift, the men shot at Mahlinza and called him homophobic slurs. Source: Luiz de Barrios, "Victims of Deadly Hate Crimes Honoured at Johannesburg Pride," MambaOnline, October 30, 2024, https://www.mambaonline.com/2024/10/30/victims-of-deadly-hate-crimes-honoured-at-johannesburg-pride/

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174	Sept. 7, 2024 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Lazarus Ikaneng Thomas Age 50 gay man	Thomas's body was found in his shack with signs that he had been strangled; acid had been poured over his body. Source: Daniel Itai, "Another Gay Man Murdered in South Africa," Washington Blade, September 18, 2024, https://www.washingtonblade.com/2024/09/18/another-gay-man-murdered-in-south-africa/
175	Sept. 15, 2024 Türkiye Europe and Central Asia	Sudenaz Uran Age undisclosed trans woman	Unknown assailants attacked Uran and another trans woman with knives. Uran died from her wounds, and the other woman survived. Source: Diyarbakır Emek Gazetesi, "Attack on Trans Women in Diyarbakır: 1 Dead," September 18, 2024, https://www.diyarbakiremekgazetesi.com/haber/diyarbakirda_trans_kadinlara_saldiri_1_olu_-4824.html
176	Sept. 18, 2024 Georgia Europe and Central Asia	Kesaria Abramidze Age 37 trans woman	Abramidze's partner murdered her in her home. According to witnesses, he had repeatedly abused her and called her "a mistake of nature." He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. The court found gender-based motive as an aggravating factor. Source: Mariam Razmadze, "Prosecutor: Beka Jaiani Called Kesaria Abramidze a 'Mistake of Nature,'" Georgia Today, March 14, 2025, https://georgiatoday.ge/prosecutor-beka-jaiani-called-kesaria-abramidze-a-mistake-of-nature/ ; Associated Press News, "Man Gets Life in Prison in Killing of Transgender Model in the South Caucasus Nation of Georgia," April 16, 2025, https://apnews.com/article/georgia-lgbtq-transgender-killing-russia-gay-c5beelfc1248e6122ca2e683297c4be5
177	Oct. 1, 2024 Mexico Americas	Mayte López Regalado Age undisclosed muxe	López Regalado was an LGBTIQ activist and pageant queen. She was found in a lot on the side of a highway with her hands and feet bound and signs of severe violence. Source: Christian Jiménez, "Mayte, a Trans Woman and Muxe Queen, Is Murdered in Oaxaca; Her Body Is Found with Signs of Torture," El Universal, October 2, 2024, https://www.eluniversal.com.mx/estados/asesinan-a-mayte-mujer-trans-y-reina-muxe-en-oaxaca-localizan-su-cuerpo-con-signos-de-tortura/
178	Oct. 12, 2024 Bangladesh Asia	Ayub Ali Age 47 trans woman	Ali was found dead by a bus stop; her body showed signs of violence and struggle, including a piece of cloth tied around her neck. There was no information on the motive. Source: JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France, "JMBF Strongly Condemns the Murder of Transgender Woman Ayub Ali in Tangail, Bangladesh," October 17, 2024, https://www.jmbf.org/2024/10/statement-jmbf-strongly-condemns-murder.html ; Annual Report 2025: An Updated State of LGBTIQ+ Rights in Bangladesh, January 01–December 31, 2024, May 17, 2025, https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V7JrZZ-gpzxluyp1HCRYM-GBRzO5uL9/view p. 29.
179	Dec. 21, 2024 Brazil Americas	Admilson Julião Martins (Maia) Age 51 gay man	Martins was found dead in a vacant lot after going out with friends. His throat had been slit, and his heart had been torn out and replaced with stones. Source: Mahara Gaio, "Dancer's Heart Is Stabbed Out and Replaced with Stones," RIC, December 25, 2024, https://ric.com.br/seguranca/dancarino-tem-coracao-arrancado-a-facadas/
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180	Jan. 7, 2025 Mexico Americas	Ehdibaldo Presa Age 41 gay man	Two former police officers were arrested for the murder of Presa. He was found dead in his home with his hands tied and his throat slit. Source: Carolina Hermid, "Ex-Cops Charged for Murder of Teacher from Universidad Veracruzana," La Silla Rota, January 19, 2025, https://lasillarota.com/veracruz/estado/2025/1/19/imputan-expolicias-que-habrian-asesinado-maestro-de-la-universidad-veracruzana-519134.html

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181	Jan. 13, 2025 Mexico Americas	Khloe Susan Jiménez Age 20 trans woman	According to witnesses, Jiménez was entering her home with a man when he attacked her with a knife and stabbed her to death. The attacker remains at large. Source: Luz Elena Morales, "Khloe Susan Was Murdered by a Man When Returning from Work, Her Friends Ask for Justice for Transfemicide," <i>Heraldo de México</i> , January 16, 2025, https://heraldodemexico.com.mx/nacional/2025/1/16/khloe-susan-fue-asesinada-por-un-hombre-cuando-regresaba-del-trabajo-sus-amigos-piden-justicia-por-el-transfeminicidio-668855.html
182	Jan. 23, 2025 Colombia Americas	Carolina Muñoz Age undisclosed trans woman	Carolina Muñoz was found dead in a coffee plantation. Source: Juan David Botia Méndez, "The Decapitated Body of a Transgender Person Was Found in a Rural Area of Andes, Antioquia," <i>Infobae</i> , March 26, 2025, https://www.infobae.com/colombia/2025/03/26/hallan-cuerpo-decapitado-de-una-persona-transgenero-en-zona-rural-de-andes-antioquia/
183	Jan. 24, 2025 Brazil Americas	Lived name unidentified, surname Gomes Age 16 trans girl	An unidentified trans teenager was found dead in a rural area. According to reports, she had previously received death threats on her phone. Source: "Trans Teenager Found Dead in the State's Mata Sul Region," <i>Diário de Pernambuco</i> , January 24, 2025, https://www.diariodepernambuco.com.br/noticia/vidaurbana/2025/01/adolescente-trans-e-encontrada-morta-na-mata-sul-do-estado.html
184	Jan. 29, 2025 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Mabusi Ntuli Age 44 lesbian	Two men who had bought alcohol at Ntuli's store earlier came back later that night and fired 15 shots at Ntuli. According to Ntuli's friend, who was at the scene and was also injured by gunfire, nothing was taken from the store. Source: Roberto Igual, "Mabusi Ntuli, Lesbian Spaza Shop Owner and Artist Gunned Down in KZN," <i>MambaOnline</i> , February 6, 2025, https://www.mambaonline.com/2025/02/06/mabusi-ntuli-lesbian-spaza-shop-owner-and-artist-gunned-down-in-kzn/
185	Jan. 31, 2025 Brazil Americas	Thayla da Costa Vieira Age 25 trans woman	Vieira was found dead with gunshot wounds. Her hands were tied, and she had been decapitated, with her head lying next to her body. Source: Jardes Jhonson, "Trans Woman Found Dead with Signs of Violence on a Farm in Mato Grosso," <i>G1</i> , January 31, 2025, https://g1.globo.com/mt/mato-grosso/noticia/2025/01/31/mulher-trans-e-encontrada-morta-com-sinais-de-violencia-em-lavoura-de-mt.html
186	Feb. 15, 2025 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Imam Muhsin Hendricks Age 57 gay man	Hendricks was the world's first openly gay imam. Two men ambushed him in his car and fired multiple shots at him. Source: Todah Opeyemi, "World's First Openly Gay Imam Shot Dead in South Africa," <i>BBC News</i> , February 16, 2025, https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c05i33j7rq7o
187	March 24, 2025 Colombia Americas	undisclosed Age undisclosed trans woman	A trans woman's decapitated body was found with stab wounds on a coffee plantation. Her head was found 100 meters away. Her identity has not yet been established. Source: Arturo García, "Decapitated Body of a Transgender Person Found in a Rural Area of Andes," <i>Colombia News</i> , March 26, 2025, https://colombianews.info/colombia/andina/antioquia/hallaron-cuerpo-decapitado-de-una-persona-transgenero-en-zona-rural-de-andes
188	April 1, 2025 Colombia Americas	Sara Millerey González Age 32 trans woman	The assailants broke González's legs and threw her into a river to die. She was rescued but died in the hospital from her injuries. Source: Santiago Olivares Tobón, "Brutal Murder: Trans Woman's Legs Broken and She Was Thrown into a Ravine in Bello," <i>El Colombiano</i> , April 7, 2025, https://www.elcolombiano.com/antioquia/mujer-trans-asesinada-quebrada-bello-sara-millerey-gonzalez-DA27054711
189	April 22, 2025 Brazil Americas	Heloysa Maria de Alencastro Souza Age 16 lesbian	Souza's stepfather and stepbrother allegedly strangled her to death with a USB cable and blamed her mother, saying she had asked them to do it because she did not accept that Souza was a lesbian. Her family has denied this allegation. Source: Ana Júlia Pereira, "Family Repudiates Statement by Inmate Who Tried to Blame Heloysa's Mother for Crime," <i>Gazeta Digital</i> , April 24, 2025, https://www.gazetadigital.com.br/editorias/policia/familia-repudia-fala-de-presos-em-que-tenta-culpar-mae-de-heloysa-por-crime/806298

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190	April 26, 2025 Thailand Asia	Waranan Pannacha Age 24 trans woman	A tourist confessed to strangling Pannacha, a trans sex worker, to death after a dispute over her services and payment. Source: "Chinese Tourist Kills Trans Prostitute in Thailand, Removes Breast Protheses and Eats Her Right Lung," La Vanguardia, May 2, 2025, https://www.lavanguardia.com/sucesos/20250502/10638939/turista-chino-asesina-prostituta-trans-tailandia-le-extirpa-protesis-mamarias-come-pulmon-derecho-pmv-asd.html
191	June 1, 2025 Iran South West Asia and North Africa	Sogand Pakdel Age 27 trans woman	Pakdel's uncle shot her when she arrived at her cousin's wedding. She had previously been harassed by her family because of her gender identity. Source: HRANA, "Trans Woman Sogand Pakdel Killed by Uncle in Honor-Related Shooting," July 25, 2025, https://www.en-hrana.org/trans-woman-sogand-pakdel-killed-by-uncle-in-honor-related-shooting/ .
192	June 1, 2025 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Likhona Fose Age 14 lesbian	Fose's mutilated body was found (her genitals had been cut off) after she went missing. She was found in an area known as a hotspot for criminal activity, and her family believes the murder was motivated by homophobia. Source: Enkosi Selane, "Family Believes 14-Year-Old Likhona Fose Was Killed in Suspected Homophobic Attack," Citizen, June 2, 2025, https://www.citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/crime/family-likhona-fose-killed-suspected-homophobic-attack/
193	June 1, 2025 United States of America Americas	Jonathan Joss Age 59 gay man	After homophobic threats and harassment from people in the neighborhood, the house of Joss and his husband was burned down. Law enforcement had not responded to their reports. When they went back to the site of their burned home to check their mail, they discovered the skull of one of their dogs. Afterward, a man approached them, yelled homophobic slurs, and shot Joss to death. Source: Tammye Nash, "Gay Actor Jonathan Joss Shot to Death in San Antonio," Dallas Voice, June 2, 2025, https://dallasvoice.com/gay-actor-jonathan-joss-shot-to-death-in-san-antonio/
194	June 23, 2025 Philippines Asia	Ali Jejhon Age 39 trans woman	A man shot and killed Jejhon, an LGBTIQ activist, outside her acupuncture clinic. Source: Human Rights Watch, "Philippines: Trans Rights Activist Murdered," June 26, 2025, https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/06/26/philippines-trans-rights-activist-murdered
195	June 29, 2025 Mexico Americas	Jesús Laiza González Age 35 gay man	Laiza González and López Rodríguez were found shot dead inside a car abandoned on the side of the road. They were LGBTIQ activists and were last seen at a bar with friends after participating in the Pride parade. Source: Carlos Méndez, "Jesús Laiza González and Isaí López, LGBT Activists from Hidalgo, Murdered While Returning from Pride March in Mexico City," Herald de México, July 1, 2025, https://heraldodemexico.com.mx/nacional/2025/7/1/asesinan-jesus-laiza-gonzalez-isai-lopez-activistas-lgbt-de-hidalgo-cuando-volvian-de-marcha-del-orgullo-en-cdmx-711726.html
196	June 29, 2025 Mexico Americas	Isaí López Rodríguez Age 30 gay man	Jesús Laiza González and Isaí López Rodríguez, a gay couple, were shot dead inside their car and abandoned on the side of the road. The human rights activists were last seen at a bar with friends after participating in the Pride parade. They had been receiving threats and were being surveilled. Source: Carlos Méndez, "Jesús Laiza González and Isaí López, LGBT Activists from Hidalgo, Murdered While Returning from Pride March in Mexico City," Herald de México, July 1, 2025, https://heraldodemexico.com.mx/nacional/2025/7/1/asesinan-jesus-laiza-gonzalez-isai-lopez-activistas-lgbt-de-hidalgo-cuando-volvian-de-marcha-del-orgullo-en-cdmx-711726.html

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197	June 29, 2025 Mexico Americas	Jesús Laiza González Age 35 gay man	Jesús Laiza González and Isaí López Rodríguez, a gay couple, were shot dead inside their car and abandoned on the side of the road. The human rights activists were last seen at a bar with friends after participating in the Pride parade. They had been receiving threats and were being surveilled. Source: Carlos Méndez, "Jesús Laiza González and Isaí López, LGBT Activists from Hidalgo, Murdered While Returning from Pride March in Mexico City," <i>Heraldo de México</i> , July 1, 2025, https://heraldodemexico.com.mx/nacional/2025/7/1/asesinan-jesus-laiza-gonzalez-isai-lopez-activistas-lgbt-de-hidalgo-cuando-volvian-de-marcha-del-orgullo-en-cdmx-711726.html
198	June 30, 2025 Mexico Americas	Felipe Flores Age 27 gay man	A man attacked and murdered Flores in his home. Flores was an LGBTIQ activist and public official. Source: "LGBT Activist and Municipal Official Murdered in Santiago Maravatío," <i>El Tiempo</i> , June 30, 2025, https://eltiempomx.com/noticia/2025/asesinan-a-activista-lgbt-y-funcionario-municipal-en-santiago-maravatio.html
199	July 3, 2025 Pakistan Asia	Ali Khan Age 21 transgender	In July 2025, a man killed his 21-year-old child, Ali Khan, by applying electric shocks to their body and then beating them to death with a shovel. The man admitted to the police that his actions were due to his child's friendships with transgender people. However, an activist told Outright that Khan themself was trans. Source: "Karachi Man Kills Son over Friendship with Transgenders," <i>Daily Pakistan</i> , July 3, 2025, https://en.dailypakistan.com.pk/03-Jul-2025/karachi-man-kills-son-over-friendship-with-transgenders
200	July 5, 2025 Brazil Americas	Fernando Vilaça Age 17 gay man	Two teenagers beat Vilaça, who died in the hospital from his injuries. The case has been investigated as a hate crime. Source: Matheus Castro, "Fernando Case: 2nd Teenager Apprehended for Death after Homophobic Injuries Claims 'Legitimate Defence,'" <i>G1</i> , July 16, 2025, https://g1.globo.com/am/amazonas/noticia/2025/07/16/caso-fernando-2o-adolescente-apreendido-por-morte-apos-inurias-homofobicas-alega-legitima-defesa.ghml
201	July 5, 2025 United States of America Americas	Daquan "Dream" Johnson Age 28 trans woman	A man was charged with killing Johnson by shooting her several times. He called her homophobic and transphobic slurs before killing her. He was charged with a hate crime. Source: U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, "D.C. Man Arrested for Hate Crime Murder," Press Release, September 18, 2025, https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/dc-man-arrested-hate-crime-murder
202	July 14, 2025 Nigeria Sub-Saharan Africa	Umar Yusuf-Dungurawa Age undisclosed: secondary school age unknown	Classmates of Idris-Tofawa and Yusuf-Dungurawa attacked them and two other students, who survived, accusing them of being gay. Source: Daniel Itai, "Two Students Murdered at Nigerian Boarding School Because They Were Gay," <i>Washington Blade</i> , August 15, 2025, https://www.washingtonblade.com/2025/08/15/two-students-murdered-at-nigerian-boarding-school-because-they-were-gay/
203	July 14, 2025 Nigeria Sub-Saharan Africa	Hamza Idris-Tofawa Age undisclosed: secondary school age unknown	Classmates of Idris-Tofawa and Yusuf-Dungurawa attacked them and two other students, who survived, accusing them of being gay. Source: Daniel Itai, "Two Students Murdered at Nigerian Boarding School Because They Were Gay," <i>Washington Blade</i> , August 15, 2025, https://www.washingtonblade.com/2025/08/15/two-students-murdered-at-nigerian-boarding-school-because-they-were-gay/
204	July 25, 2025 United Kingdom Europe and Central Asia	Toni Asik Age 25 trans man	Asik died while serving time in prison. Reports indicate he had previously been mistreated by prison staff. No investigation into his death has been concluded. Source: View Mag, "Sodexo Limited, in the Business of Killing People," July 31, 2025, archived August 18, 2025, https://web.archive.org/web/20250818084216/https://theviewmag.org.uk/sodexo-limited-in-the-business-of-killing-women/

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205	July 25, 2025 Colombia Americas	Fernanda Domicó Age undisclosed trans woman	A man was prosecuted for stabbing Domicó and throwing her body into a river. She was a prominent Indigenous leader and the chief of a volunteer firefighter squad. Source: "To Prison for the Brutal Murder of Fernanda Domicó, Trans Leader and Fire Chief," El Universal (Cartagena), April 17, 2026, https://www.eluniversal.com.co/sucesos/2026/04/17/a-la-carcel-por-el-brutal-crimen-de-fernanda-domico-lideresa-trans-y-jefa-de-cuerpo-de-bomberos/
206	July 26, 2025 Colombia Americas	Ángelo Posso Vera Age 43 trans man	Ángelo Posso Vera's body was found in his apartment after his neighbor realized they had not seen him in a while and noticed some blood seeping through his door. Vera had died from 42 stab wounds to his head and shoulders. Police investigation led to the arrest of two men, a 71-year-old and his 42-year-old nephew, Vera's neighbors, who had allegedly previously discriminated against Vera because of his gender identity. The suspects were held in pretrial detention on charges of aggravated homicide, and the case is pending. Source: Nicolás Tamayo Escalante, "An Uncle and His Nephew, who Allegedly Brutally a Man from the LGBTQ+ Community in Medellín, were Sent to Prison: They Stabbed Him 42 Times," EL Tiempo, September 25, 2025, https://www.eltiempo.com/colombia/medellin/tio-y-sobrino-que-habrian-asesinado-brutalmente-a-un-hombre-de-la-comunidad-lgbtqi-en-medellin-fueron-enviados-a-prision-le-propinaron-42-punaladas-3493957
207	Aug. 1, 2025 France Europe and Central Asia	Franz, three other victims Age 48 gay man	The bodies of four men were found in the Seine River at Choisy-le-Roi, and investigators linked their murders to a popular gay cruising spot. An unhoused individual is being investigated as the possible perpetrator. The organization Stop Homophobie requested that prosecutors investigate the killings as homophobic hate crimes. Source: Le Parisien, "Corpses Found in the Seine: Stop Homophobie Launches Call for Witnesses," August 25, 2025, https://www.leparisien.fr/val-de-marne-94/cadavres-retrouves-dans-la-seine-stop-homophobie-se-constitue-partie-civile-et-lance-un-appel-a-temoins-25-08-2025-YHR2FPBEOJAG7KT4776O4GXJE.php
208	Aug. 1, 2025 France Europe and Central Asia	Abdallah Age 21 unknown	The bodies of four men were found in the Seine River at Choisy-le-Roi, and investigators linked their murders to a popular gay cruising spot. An unhoused individual is being investigated as the possible perpetrator. The organization Stop Homophobie is asking prosecutors to investigate the killings as homophobic hate crimes. Abdallah was of Algerian origin. Source: Le Parisien, "Corpses Found in the Seine: Stop Homophobie Launches Call for Witnesses," August 25, 2025, https://www.leparisien.fr/val-de-marne-94/cadavres-retrouves-dans-la-seine-stop-homophobie-se-constitue-partie-civile-et-lance-un-appel-a-temoins-25-08-2025-YHR2FPBEOJAG7KT4776O4GXJE.php
209	Aug. 1, 2025 France Europe and Central Asia	Sami Age 21 unknown	The bodies of four men were found in the Seine River at Choisy-le-Roi, and investigators linked their murders to a popular gay cruising spot. An unhoused individual is being investigated as the possible perpetrator. The organization Stop Homophobie is asking prosecutors to investigate the killings as homophobic hate crimes. Sami was of Algerian origin. Source: Stop Homophobie, "March in Tribute for the Four Victims Found in the Seine," September 16, 2025, https://www.stophomophobie.com/choisy-le-roi-une-marche-blanche-en-hommage-aux-quatre-victimes-retrouvees-dans-la-seine/
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211	Aug. 2, 2025 Ireland Europe and Central Asia	Ian Walsh Age 49 gay man	A teenager who met Walsh on a dating app murdered him in his home. Walsh had 11 stab wounds. Source: Alice Linehan, "Teen Charged with Murdering Tipperary Man He Met on Grindr," GCN, September 8, 2025, https://gcn.ie/teen-charged-murdering-tipperary-man-met-on-grindr/
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220	Dec. 3, 2025 South Africa Sub-Saharan Africa	Kwakhanya Mhlanganisi Age 17 gay man	A group of perpetrators stoned Mhlanganisi to death; a bucket was then placed on top of his body and set on fire, severely burning his remains. A motive has not been established, but activists suspect a hate crime because of the brutality of the attack. Source: Aphiwe Kamko, "Family of Kwakhanya Mhlanganisi Demands Answers over Teen's Tragic Killing," Drum, December 12, 2025, https://www.news24.com/drum/news/family-of-kwakhanya-mhlanganisi-demands-answers-over-teens-tragic-killing-20251212-0502
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227	April 5, 2026 United States of America Americas	Davonta Curtis Age 31 trans woman	Intimate partner violence. The alleged ex-partner of Curtis is accused of killing her with a hammer in her apartment, after conducting a search on how to kill a person with a hammer on this phone. The trial is pending. Meanwhile, coverage of this killing involves some media publications misgendering the victim. Source: Zoe Singer, "Man Googled 'How to Kill Someone with a Hammer?' before Killing Trans Woman, Prosecutors Say," Chicago Sun-Times, April 14, 2026, https://chicago.suntimes.com/news/2026/04/14/deandre-bell-davonta-curtis-murder-hammer.
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230	May 15, 2026 United States of America Americas	Juniper Blessing Age 19 trans woman	A man who is alleged to have been surveilling the building and following a different female student a week before, turned himself in, admitting that he had stabbed Blessing more than 40 times in the laundry room of her student residence building. The police department stated that it had not yet determined if the crime was hate-motivated, but would continue investigating. The accused was found incompetent to stand trial and underwent court-ordered psychiatric treatment while the case is pending. Source: Emily Shapiro, "Transgender University of Washington Student Stabbed over 40 Times," ABC News, May 15, 2026, https://abcnews.com/US/transgender-university-washington-student-stabbed-40-times-court/story?id=133001154; Frank Sumrall, "UW Stabbing Suspect Makes first Court Appearance, Court Documents Reveal Victim Was Stabbed 40 Times," My Northwest, May 14, 2026, https://mynorthwest.com/crime-blotter/uw-stabbing-suspect-court/4238413; Komo News, "Man Charged in UW Student's Fatal Stabbing Found Incompetent to Stand Trial," September 28, 2026, https://komonews.com/news/local/university-of-washington-stabbing-deadly-juniper-blessing-competency-restoration-king-county-prosecuting-attorneys-office-bellevue-police-uw-leahy
231	May 19, 2026 Spain Europe and Central Asia	Kimberli Age 33 trans woman	Intimate partner violence against a trans woman. A man stabbed his former partner to death in a public plaza during the day. She was a trans woman who had already filed domestic violence reports and had an active restraining order against him, and had previously accepted a plea deal at a gender-violence court. A few hours after leaving the court, he found and stabbed her to death. Source: "Shock in Spain: Man Took the Life of His Ex-Partner in a Public Square," El Universal (Cartagena), May 19, 2026, https://www.eluniversal.com.co/sucesos/2026/05/19/conmocion-en-espana-hombre-le-quito-la-vida-a-su-ex-pareja-en-plaza-publica/; Diari de Tarragona, "Kimberli's Helplessness: 24 hours Between a Conviction for Mistreatment and a Brutal Crime," May 24, 2026, https://www.diaridetarragona.com/catalunya/260828/indefension-kimberli-24-horas-condena-malos-tratos-crimen-brutal.html
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233	June 5, 2026 Mexico Americas	Sael Silva Cisneros Age 31 undisclosed	Prominent LGBTIQ and Afro-Mexican people's rights defender, Silva Cisneros had attended an academic seminar on Afro-Mexican justice and rights, organized by the Supreme Court's Centro de Estudios Constitucionales y Saberes Jurídicos, and was later socializing with a group outside an establishment when armed assailants approached and opened fire, killing Silva Cisneros, critically wounding another person, and injuring several others. As of July 2026, no arrest had been made, and investigations were still underway. Source: Darío Lagunas, "Sael Silva Cisneros, a Researcher at the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN) and LGBTQ+ Activist, Killed in an Armed Attack in Guerrero," <i>El Financiero</i>, June 6, 2026, https://www.elfinanciero.com.mx/estados/2026/06/06/matan-a-sael-silva-cisneros-investigador-de-la-suprema-corte-en-ataque-armado-en-guerrero/

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