



PRESS RELEASE

## National platform for reporting violence against LGBTI+ created in Brazil

26 reported crimes filed with national and international human rights bodies and entities

**Curitiba, Brazil. October 20th 2018** – Owing the recent escalation of hatred against LGBTI+ people in Brazil as a result of electoral violence and hate speech, Brazilian ONG *Aliança Nacional LGBTI+* has launched a National Platform for reporting violence against LGBTI+.

Of the 41 reports of electoral violence registered thus far by *Aliança Nacional LGBTI+* between late September and October 18th, 26 (63%) relate to LGBTIphobic situations. The data has been checked by *Aliança's* legal team. The second round of the Brazilian presidential election campaign will decide on October 28<sup>th</sup> who will be Brazil's next president.

In response to this scenario, *Aliança Nacional LGBTI+* has asked for United Nations and Organization of American States observers to be present during the electoral period, specifically to monitor the situation of social tension and violence, including with regard to measures being taken (or not) by public security bodies and other competent authorities to contain the situation of violations of the rights of LGBTI+ people. Also on the international level, the reported cases have been sent to the Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International. In Brazil, the request for measures to be taken has been sent the Federal Public Prosecutors' Office, the Human Rights Ministry, the National Human Rights Council and the Federal Council of the Brazilian Law Society. The letters sent by *Aliança* can be found at the end of this release.

The most serious cases include a woman who was attacked in Porto Alegre by three men who inscribed a swastika on the skin of her stomach, a gay man has been murdered in Curitiba, a Black man has been murdered in Salvador and a trans woman was stabbed in Aracaju and died of her wounds. Her assailant was arrested and later released by the police.

*Aliança Nacional LGBTI+* is appealing to universities, the State and Federal Public Prosecution services and the Brazilian Law Society at all levels to set up observatories and platforms with the aim of registering these

events and demanding that the competent authorities investigate and punish those who encourage and commit electoral violence and hate speech in Brazil

Despite having been created to meet a one-off need during the election period, the Platform will be permanent. The confidentiality of the personal details and identification of people posting reports on the Platform will be ensured and the reports will be systematized periodically and sent to national authorities and international bodies and mechanisms.

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The **Platform** can be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGibtF0TlOguyY8DQfD-jBCGSCrPvYgJsKDFIGlcWmIbnVUQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>

**About the Brazilian National LGBTI+ Alliance** – The National LGBTI+ Alliance is a cross-party, non-profit civil society organization with branches in all 27 Brazilian Federative Units. It works to promote and defend the human rights and citizenship of the LGBTI+ community in the Brazilian states and municipalities through partnerships with individuals and legal entities. It dialogues and builds joint actions with researchers, activists, political party leaders, government managers, networks, governmental organizations, communicators, entrepreneurs and other people committed to promoting LGBTI+ rights and citizenship. Further information at: [www.aliancalgbti.org.br](http://www.aliancalgbti.org.br)

#### **LETTERS SENT TO AUTHORITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD**

Commissioner Flávia Piovesan  
Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Persons  
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  
Organization of American States

Ms. Michelle Bachelet  
United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights

Mr. Kenneth Roth  
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Human Rights Watch  
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Mr. David Lee  
Country Coordinator – Brazil  
Amnesty International

Curitiba, October 20th 2018

Our Ref.: 116/2018 TR/dh

Re.: Request for OAS Observers – Violence against LGBTI+ people during the second round of the Brazilian presidential elections

Dear Commissioner,

Aliança Nacional LGBTI+ is a Brazilian multi-party, non-profit civil society organization with formal representation in all 27 Brazilian states and more than 130 municipalities. Its members are individuals, but in order to achieve its aim of promoting and defending the human rights and citizenship of the LGBTI+ population, Aliança also forms partnerships with the most diverse organizations and groups interested in advocating for LGBTI+ issues.

As you may be aware, Brazil is currently holding presidential elections. The first round of the elections finished on October 7<sup>th</sup> with no presidential candidate winning outright and thus giving rise to a second round between candidates Jair Bolsonaro and Fernando Haddad, with voting set for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

In the period immediately before the October 7<sup>th</sup> vote and now in the period in the run-up to the second vote, there has been a noticeable and alarming increase in violence throughout Brazil between supporters of the rival candidates, especially but not exclusively violence perpetrated by supporters of Bolsonaro. It would appear that Bolsonaro's public statements on the authoritarian use of force have awoken in some of his more radical supporters the notion that as he stands a good chance of winning the elections, they now have *carte blanche* to attack social minorities and left-wing supporters.

Targets of violence include people wearing red t-shirts (the colour of Haddad's party), people wearing stickers against Bolsonaro, women, Black people and LGBTI+ people. Violence includes intimidation, death threats and physical violence: a woman in Porto Alegre was attacked by three men who inscribed a swastika on the skin of her stomach, a gay man has been murdered in Curitiba, a Black man has been murdered in Salvador and a trans woman was stabbed in Aracaju and died of her wounds. Her assailant was arrested and later released by the police. Witnesses of the crime said he stated that we would kill all trans women if Bolsonaro is elected.

As *Aliança Nacional LGBTI+*'s mission is to promote the rights of LGBTI+ people, we are particularly concerned about the violence being faced by our community. We have been monitoring the media and also have received complaints of violence via our organization's email and social media. Of the 41 cases described in the attached document occurring between late September and October 18<sup>th</sup>, 26 (63%) relate to LGBTI+ people.

In view of this situation, *Aliança Nacional LGBTI+* has set up a platform on its website for victims of LGBTIphobic violence to report what has happened to them

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGlbF0TIOguyY8DQfD-jBCGSCrPvYgJsKDFIGIcWmIbnVUQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>

We are monitoring input to the platform and apart from dealing with urgent cases we will be producing monthly reports to send to competent human rights authorities in Brazil asking for measures to be taken.

Our community is shocked and scared by what is happening, and is particularly apprehensive about what may happen to us in the event of Bolsonaro, his Vice President and proposed ministers taking up office in January 2019.

We are aware that the Organization of American States (OAS) sent observers to Brazil to accompany the voting process on October 7<sup>th</sup>. In view of the upsurge of episodes of violence related to the elections, we are writing to request that OAS observers also be sent to monitor the situation

of social tension and violence, including measures taken (or not) by public security and other competent bodies to contain this situation.

We look forward to receiving your reply and thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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## **LETTERS SENT IN PORTUGUESE TO BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES**

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Curitiba, 20 de outubro de

À:  
**Excelentíssima Sra. Dra. RAQUEL ELIAS FERREIRA DODGE**  
Procuradora Geral da República Federativa do Brasil

À: Exma. Sra. Dra. Deborah Duprat  
Procuradora Federal dos Direitos do Cidadão  
Ministério Público Federal

Ao: Dr. Claudio Pacheco Prates Lamachia  
Presidente do Conselho Federal da Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil

Ao: Dr. Darci Frigo  
Presidente do Conselho Nacional dos Direitos Humanos

Ao: Exmo. Sr. Gustavo do Vale Rocha  
Ministério de Estado dos Direitos Humanos

## **Assunto – Solicita providências – aumento de ataques e violência contra pessoas LGBTI+ no período eleitoral**

Prezada Senhora,

A Aliança Nacional LGBTI+ é uma organização da sociedade civil, pluripartidária, sem fins lucrativos, com representações nas 27 Unidades da Federação e em mais de 130 municípios. Trabalha com a promoção e defesa dos direitos humanos e cidadania da comunidade LGBTI+, nos estados e municípios brasileiros através de parcerias com pessoas físicas e jurídicas.

No período imediatamente antes das eleições de 7 de outubro e agora no período do segundo turno, vem havendo um aumento nítido e alarmante de violência em todo o Brasil entre apoiadores dos candidatos à Presidência da República, sobretudo, porém não exclusivamente, violência perpetrada por apoiadores de um dos candidatos em especial. Ao que parece, as manifestações públicas deste candidato sobre o uso autoritário da força despertaram em alguns de seus apoiadores mais radicais a noção de que como há uma possibilidade que possa ganhar as eleições, agora tenham carta branca para atacar minorias sociais e integrantes de partidos políticos adversários.

Os alvos da violência incluem pessoas vestindo camisetas vermelhas (associadas à esquerda), pessoas usando adesivos contra o referido candidato, mulheres, pessoas negras e pessoas LGBTI+. As formas de violência incluem intimidação, ameaças de morte, violência física e assassinato: uma mulher em Porto Alegre foi atacada por três homens que cortaram o símbolo da suástica na pele da barriga dela, um gay foi assassinado em Curitiba, um negro foi assassinado em Salvador (em ambos destes assassinatos os perpetradores citaram o candidato em questão) e uma mulher trans foi esfaqueada em Aracaju e morreu em consequência das feridas. Seu atacante foi preso e depois solto pela polícia. Testemunhas do crime disseram que o mesmo afirmou que mataria todas as mulheres trans e travestis se o candidato for eleito.

Visto que a missão da Aliança Nacional LGBTI+ é a promoção dos direitos das pessoas LGBTI+, estamos extremamente preocupados com a violência que nossa comunidade está enfrentando. Vimos monitorando os meios de comunicação e também estamos recebendo denúncias de violência através do email e das mídias sociais da nossa organização. Citamos as fontes de todos os casos mencionados, a fim de evitar a divulgação de notícias falsas (*fake news*). Dos 41 casos descritos no documento anexo que ocorreram entre o final de setembro e o dia 18 de outubro, 26 (63%) dizem respeito a pessoas LGBTI+.

Em vista desta situação, a Aliança Nacional LGBTI+ criou uma plataforma para as vítimas de violências LGBTIfóbicas denunciarem o que aconteceu com elas

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGlbF0TIOguyY8DQfD-jBCGSCrPvYgJsKDFIGIcWmlbnVUQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Estamos monitorando os casos registrados na plataforma e, além de priorizar casos urgentes, estaremos produzindo relatórios periódicos para envio às autoridades competentes para as devidas providências.

Nossa comunidade está chocada e apavorada pelos acontecimentos e, sobretudo, é muito apreensiva a respeito do que poderá acontecer conosco na eventualidade do referido candidato à Presidência, seu vice e ministros propostos assumirem o governo em janeiro de 2019.

Dado o aumento de episódios de violência relacionada às eleições, vimos por meio deste solicitar a verificação das denúncias, bem como as medidas cabíveis para aumentar a segurança da população e investigar os casos de violência e assassinato, os quais estão sintetizados (com fontes) no documento em anexo, lembrando que alguns dos casos relatados apontam para a falta de imparcialidade dos agentes policiais que atenderam as vítimas em relação aos candidatos à Presidência.

Agradecemos a atenção e ficamos no aguardo de sua resposta.

Atenciosamente,

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