

BRAZIL

Marielle Franco

Killed for fearlessly defending the rights of the most marginalized



Women human rights defender Marielle Franco advocated fearlessly for the rights of black women, LGBTI people, and young people in Rio de Janeiro. She condemned unlawful killings by police. In March 2018 she and her driver were shot dead, part of a pattern in Brazil, where at least 70 human rights defenders were killed in 2017.

Marielle was a young, black, bisexual women human rights defender raised in the favelas in Rio de Janeiro. Despite the limited opportunities for women in Brazil, Marielle obtained a masters degree in public administration, spent a decade advocating for some of the most marginalized people in her community, and was elected to Rio de Janeiro city council in 2016. “Marielle embodied the rights she stood up for,” says her partner Monica.

On 14 March 2018, as she was leaving an event she had organized on black women’s empowerment, Marielle was shot to death in her car, along with her driver, Anderson Pedro Gomes. Evidence suggests the murder was carried out by skilled professionals, and experts said the bullets had belonged to the Federal Police.

Brazil is one of the world’s deadliest countries for human rights defenders. Women human rights defenders from marginalized communities like Marielle often face a heightened risk of violence.

We will not rest until there is justice for Marielle. Take action on the next page.

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life and security of
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Article 3
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights

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Unleash your pens and keyboards!

Please write to the president of Brazil.

- ◆ Start with Dear President.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the murder of Marielle Franco.
- ◆ Urge him to bring Marielle Franco's killers to justice, including those who ordered the crime.
- ◆ Call on his government to protect human rights defenders in Brazil from further threats and attacks.

Send your letter to

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Support Marielle's family.

Marielle's sister Anielle, said that "as long as we have the strength we will demand justice." Send a message to Marielle's family letting them know that we are with them in their fight for justice.

You may mention Amnesty International, include your return address and use any type of card.

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Women human rights defenders around the world often face a heightened risk of discrimination and violence because of their gender and because of the social change for which they advocate. These risks are compounded for women experiencing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination (i.e. women of colour).

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