

**BRAZIL**

# MARIELLE FRANCO

## Killed for defending the people of Rio

**Marielle Franco dedicated her life to defending the rights of women, black, LGBTI and other marginalised people in Rio de Janeiro. A well-known city councillor who grew up in a favela, she also fearlessly denounced police abuses and extrajudicial killings. 'Marielle embodied the rights she stood up for,' says her partner Monica.**

On the evening of 14 March 2018, Marielle and her driver, Anderson Pedro Gomes, were shot dead as they drove home from a public debate. The killings appear to have been carried out by skilled professionals, and experts say the bullets belonged to the federal police. However, there has been no independent investigation, and no one has been brought to justice.

Brazil is one of the deadliest countries in the world for human rights defenders – at least 70 were killed in 2017. The perpetrators are rarely brought to justice.



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**'I will not be interrupted.'** Marielle Franco

### SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

**Write to Marielle's parents Marinete and Antonio, her sister Anielle and her partner Monica.**

Marinete da Silva and Antonio Francisco da Silva Neto, Anielle Franco and Monica Benício  
c/o Amnesty International Brazil  
Rua da Glória,  
344 (3rd floor),  
Glória - CEP 20241180  
Rio de Janeiro (RJ)  
Brazil

**Language** English or Portuguese

**Suggested message** Your [partner/ daughter/sister] fought tirelessly to defend and promote human rights. She stood up for a fairer world. Now we stand together for her. In solidarity.

*A Portuguese translation of this message is available at [amnesty.org.uk/write](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write)*

### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message? **Yes**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **Yes**

### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge President Michel Temer to bring Marielle Franco's killers and those who ordered her assassination to justice.

**Write to** Presidente Michel Temer  
Praça dos Três Poderes, Palácio do Planalto  
Brasília/DF  
70150-900  
Brazil

**Salutation** Dear Mr President

**In your letter call for**

- An immediate, impartial and independent investigation into the killings, with all those responsible brought to justice in a fair trial
- Protection, psychological support and reparations for Marielle Franco's family and the witnesses of the killings
- Greater protection for Brazil's human rights defenders.

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**EVERY MESSAGE COUNTS** Together we can get justice for Marielle, her family and her partner

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