

I am writing this letter to express my concern about the killing which took place on 4. November in the neighbourhoods of Guamá, Terra Firme, Marco, Jurunas and Sideral in the state capital of Belém. Residents of these neighbourhoods and local civil society organizations claim that military police officers were responsible for the killings. They also claim that the exact number of people killed are much higher than nine, which is the number acknowledged by authorities. Residents in these five neighbourhoods of Belém still fear for their safety.

I sincerely urge you to ensure a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation of these killings allegedly by military police officers, and ensure that any officers found responsible for such killings are brought to justice in proceedings which meet international fair trial standards.

I also urge you to take all appropriate measures to immediately ensure the safety of residents of the neighbourhoods of Terra Firme, Guamá, Marco, Jurunas, Sideral and surroundings areas, providing them with effective protection against any further killings taking place.

Finally, please ensure that police activities are subject to effective independent oversight and accountability mechanisms.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,