

Dear Inspector General;

I am writing to express my grave concern on at least twenty-eight members of the LGBTI community. They who have been arrested and charged with drug possession and same-sex activities in the event by members of the LGBTI community in Keraniganj on Thursday, 18 May 2017.

I am calling on the authorities to ensure that all those arrested are not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment and have immediate access to lawyers, their families and to medical care they may require. I am also calling on the police to immediately end all harassment of members of the LGBTI community and to seriously investigate threats made against them. The authorities should also be urged to repeal all laws which criminalise same-sex sexual conduct, including Section 377 of the Penal Code.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,