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Press Statement

Defend our Democracy condemns the senseless killing of Muhsin Hendricks

Defend our Democracy condemns the senseless extra-judicial assassination of Muhsin Hendricks.

We condemn this act of violent crime in the strongest terms and call on all people of conscience to stand against the rising tide of hate.

Hendricks was in Gqeberha to officiate a marriage when he was brutally killed. He became the world's first gay imam when he came out in 1996. The motive for his murder is yet unknown.

Violent crimes undermine South African democracy which is premised on the rule of law and the supremacy of the South African Constitution. The right to life, religion, dignity and safety is enshrined in the country's Constitution and should be respected and upheld. The brazen daylight murder of Hendricks highlights the total disregard of the law by some in our country.

Defend our Democracy is calling on law enforcement agencies to conduct a thorough investigation into this matter, ensuring that those involved in the gruesome murder are held accountable. We also urge community members who might have any information on who the perpetrators are, to collaborate with the South African Police Services.

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