



Transgender Day of Remembrance 2020: Namelist

21 trans and gender-diverse people reported murders in Asia between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020

#1 Ajita Bhujel (Nepal)

Age: 29
Occupation: sex worker
Date of death: 18/01/2020
Location of death: Kathmandu (Nepal)
Cause of death: strangled/hanged
Remarks: Ajita was murdered on 18 January 2020. She is a transgender woman from Makwanpur district. She was raped by a gang and murdered after¹. A local LGBTI organization, Blue Diamond Society (BDS), raised this incident very strongly nationwide. Because of continuous effort led by BDS and its President Ms Pinky Gurung, police were able to arrest the perpetrators. Now all the perpetrators were in life imprisonment. The case of Ajita got support from the Friend's Hetauda (local LGBTIQ CBO), media, different civil society organizations, community members, NHRC and police for proper investigation.
Sources: BSD & TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#2 Kyle Estrela² (The Philippines)

Date of death: December/2019
Cause of death: not clear
Remarks: Kyle's body was found in her apartment in Bagong Silang, Caloocan. She was covered in blood and had been dead for several days. Early autopsy reports could not determine cause of death, but the coroner has reported stab wounds on her sides. She was 27 years old. Her family is asking for justice.

¹ Adhikari, P. (2020, February 4). Five arrested from Hetauda for Ajita Bhujel's murder. The Himalayan Times. <https://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/five-arrested-from-hetauda-for-ajita-bhujels-murder/>

² Fermin, M. (2019, December 13). Transgender woman found dead in Caloocan. Philippines Lifestyle News. <https://philippineslifestyle.com/transgender-woman-found-dead-in-calooacan/>

ABS-CBN News. (2019, December 12). Trans woman natagpuang patay sa inuupahang bahay sa Caloocan. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/12/12/19/trans-woman-natagpuang-patay-sa-inuupahang-bahay-sa-calooacan>

#3 Hamsa

Age: not reported
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 13/10/2019
Location of death: Hyderabad (India)
Cause of death: burned
Remarks: They stumbled, then trampled her head and killed them with kicks, sticks and stones
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#4 Sapna (India)

Age: not reported
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 03/01/2020
Location of death: Moradabad (India)
Cause of death: stabbed
Remarks: Sapna was found murdered in her home. The police suspect the incident took place at least 2 days prior to her being found. Her partner Yameen had been detained for questioning. A report was filed against the unidentified assailant
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#5 Mamta (India)

Age: not reported
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 11/02/2020
Location of death: Ahmedabad (India)
Cause of death: stabbed
Remarks: Mamta was killed by her partner Ajay Nadia after they had been having frequent fights about money and fidelity (Ajay had started seeing a ciswoman and taken money from Mamta to woo her)
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#6 **Meenu** (India)

Age: not reported
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 26/02/2020
Location of death: Gurugram (India)
Cause of death: shot
Remarks: Three bike-borne unidentified men shot at a group of transgender people. Meenu, who had been recently released from police custody on charges of murdering another trans woman in 2018, suffered four bullet injuries
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#7 **Viji** (India)

Age: 28
Occupation: sex worker
Date of death: 17/03/2020
Location of death: Bangalore (India)
Cause of death: stabbed
Remarks: Viji was stabbed to death by Arun Kumar (Aruna, 27), her roommate, and dumped on the street after she died on the way to hospital in an auto. Arun's friend Shrinath (Shivu, 30) assisted in disposing of the body.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#8 **Musa** (Pakistan)

Age: 15
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 04/04/2020
Location of death: Faisalabad (Pakistan)
Cause of death: beaten
Remarks: She was 'lured' away by 'local thugs', physically and sexually abused and then murdered. Her body was left outside her mentor's house.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update- - TDOR2020

#9 **Mira** (Indonesia)

Age: 43
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 07/04/2020
Location of death: Jakarta (Indonesia)
Cause of death: burned
Remarks: A group of five or six men attacked Mira after a truck driver accused her of stealing his wallet and cellphone, which had been left in a vehicle parked outside of Mira's room. According to police, they hit Mira with a wooden log and knocked her down before pouring gasoline on her. One man pulled out a lighter to threaten her, but the lighter inadvertently set off the gasoline.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#10 **Heerawas** (Pakistan)

Age: not reported
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 09/05/2020
Location of death: Jhelum (Pakistan)
Cause of death: beaten
Remarks: Heerawas' body was found dumped in a well near the fortress of Rohtas Fort.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#11 **Harini** (India)

Age: not reported
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 12/05/2020
Location of death: Warangal (India)
Cause of death: stabbed
Remarks: Harini and Suresh (the perpetrator) were said to be in a relationship. Suresh stabbed her after a heated argument. Reports say that Suresh claimed that she was harassing him before he killed her.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#12 **Kaushik Sunil Narayan Kar** (India)

Age: 17
Occupation: other
Date of death: 08/07/2020
Location of death: Mumbai (India)
Cause of death: stabbed
Remarks: The victim's friends filmed her wearing a sari and dancing without her knowing. When she found out about the video, requested them to delete it, which led to an altercation that ended up with her being stabbed to death.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#13 **Anushka** (India)

Age: 35
Occupation: sex worker
Date of death: 15/08/2020
Location of death: Suththamalli (India)
Cause of death: strangled/hanged
Remarks: Anu accompanied Bhavani and her partner who wanted to adopt a child and was murdered along with them for financial reasons.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#14 **Bhavani**

Age: 34
Occupation: sex worker
Date of death: 15/08/2020
Location of death: Suththamalli (India)
Cause of death: strangled/hanged
Remarks: Bhavani and her partner Murugan had paid a couple ₹3 lakh (about 3415 EUR) to get a child. The couple who had promised the child to her decided to withdraw and then murdered Bhavani when she asked for the money to be returned.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#15 **Piya** (Pakistan)

Age: 20
Occupation: not reported
Date of death: 18/08/2020
Location of death: Kamoke, Punjab (Pakistan)
Cause of death: shot
Remarks: A transgender person was killed on Tuesday night after unknown men opened fire at her residence in Kamoke.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#16 **Nida Choudhry** (Pakistan)

Age: not reported
Occupation: artist
Date of death: 27/08/2020
Location of death: Muzaffar Garh (Pakistan)
Cause of death: shot
Remarks: No information
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#17 **Ekta Joshi** (India)

Age: 41
Occupation: religious leader
Date of death: 05/09/2020
Location of death: New Delhi (India)
Cause of death: shot
Remarks: Ekta Joshi was shot three times outside her house by two unidentified men. She had just stepped out of her car when the incident took place.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#18 **Kathlyn Aviles** (Philippines)

Age: 30
Occupation: other
Date of death: 08/09/2020
Location of death: Bacolod (Philippines)
Cause of death: stabbed
Remarks: The victim was found inside a sack, dumped at a vacant lot.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#19 **Gul Parana** (Pakistan)

Age: 35
Occupation: artist
Date of death: 08/09/2020
Location of death: Peshawar (Pakistan)
Cause of death: shot
Remarks: Two trans women were leaving an event after completing their performances when the lights were suddenly switched off. In the confusion, someone shot them. One of them died.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#20 **Saad** (Pakistan)

Age: 32
Occupation: artist
Date of death: 10/09/2020
Location of death: Swabi (Pakistan)
Cause of death: shot
Remarks: The official said that the victim, identified as Saad, was returning home after performing at a dance party in the city of Rawalpindi, south of Islamabad, when her 14-year-old brother opened fire.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020

#21 **Donna Nierra** (Philippines)

Age: 23
Occupation: other
Date of death: 29/09/2020
Location of death: Caloocan (Philippines)
Cause of death: other
Remarks: The last information the family has is that Donna was going out with friends. She was later found floating in the river with injuries on her head by kids who were playing nearby.
Sources: TvT Project, The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) Update - TDOR2020