



Local EU Statement on the assassination of Mr Khurram Zaki

Islamabad, 08 May, 2016: On Saturday evening human rights activist and journalist Khurram Zaki, a vocal opponent against sectarian violence and hatred, was murdered by unknown assailants in an attack also wounding two other persons.

This heinous crime is a stark reminder of the grave dangers facing journalists and human rights defenders in Pakistan, coming only a few days after the UN Press Freedom Day on 3 May.

The European Union Delegation to Pakistan extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Mr Zaki and the other victims and calls on the Government of Pakistan to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

Pakistan must strengthen the protection of those who stand up for the rights of others and ensure that all citizens of Pakistan are guaranteed their constitutional right to freedom of expression and freedom of religion.

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