

**JAMAL KHASHOGGI:
A MOMENT OF UNSILENCE
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Dear friends, colleagues

Dear Hatice

We gather here together to hold our light high – shining our light into the darkness that surrounds still the killing of Jamal Kashoggi.

Our light is our demand for justice, and that will not be dimmed. Justice must be served.

And if justice is not met today, then we will shine our light still tomorrow and the day after.

Because impunity's darkness must not win, lest we all fall under its toxic shadow;

Because turning our backs on that which is intolerable is not an option;

Because no one should get away with murder! No matter who they are, or how high their station in life; no matter whether they raised the deadly fist, or ordered the deadly blow;

Because no country or authority should ever be allowed to buy their way out of accountability, no matter what their influence or strategic relevance; no matter who their friends are, or the depth of their alliances;

We will not stop until justice is served.

For we will not abandon Jamal and nor will we abandon Ahmed, Eduardo, Jorge, Lyra, Norma, Precious, Vadym, Daphne, or Anna

It is for Jamal, it is also for them and for so many others that we demand justice.

Dear friends, colleagues, dear Hatice

Demanding protection of journalists across the world is part of our memorialization too of all that Jamal stood for.

By insisting that no one, not even a power as influential a State as Saudi Arabia, should ever get away with murder, we are also standing up against any and all authorities that would seek to do the same – to kill with impunity journalists, human rights defenders and dissidents and then audaciously rely upon the indifference of the world to provide them crude cover.

To all journalists present here, all human rights defenders and activists - We pay you our respect.

Specifically, we honor you journalists and your media outlets that around the world have relentlessly investigated and publicly reported on the killing of Jamal Khashoggi. Your work too, over the last year, is justice for Jamal.

My Call to You:

Persist.

Insist.

Expose.

That is how we will amplify our demand for justice for Jamal; amplify our demand for justice for the many others executed for their independence of mind, courageous coverage and heir brave reporting.

We will not forget; we will remember and we will not give up!

Keep reporting, keep investigating, keep fighting.