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**AMBASSADOR MARCIA BERNICAT'S STATEMENT ON THE
KILLING OF XULHAZ MANNAN**

DHAKA, April 25, 2016 -- Please find below a statement from Ambassador Bernicat on the killing of U.S. mission employee Xulhaz Mannan:

I am devastated by the brutal murder of Xulhaz Mannan and another young Bangladeshi this evening in Dhaka. Xulhaz was more than a colleague to those of us fortunate to work with him at the U.S. Embassy. He was a dear friend. Our prayers are with Xulhaz, the other victim, and those injured in the attack. We abhor this senseless act of violence and urge the Government of Bangladesh in the strongest terms to apprehend the criminals behind these murders.

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