



# **Expression** under intimidation: **Bloggers** under attack in **South Asia**

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**Blogging** in **South Asia** can be a dangerous enterprise.

In the last year, 4 bloggers have been killed in Bangladesh, while a number of others have been targeted across the region in various ways simply for expressing their views online. Both state and non-state actors share responsibility for this **climate of fear and intimidation**.

A collusion of **repressive laws**, **compromised criminal justice systems**, **impunity**, and **rising intolerance** has actively fueled this increasingly violent trend. The result has been a severe chilling effect in which **freedom of expression** is stifled both **online** and **offline**.

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A panel of well-known South Asian bloggers will share their stories and discuss the perilous situation in the region.

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**10:00-11:30**

**Room XXIV**

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