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Hundreds of Spaniards begin a vigil in memory of the victims of Orlando

Spanish Government condemns the attack

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USPA NEWS - Several hundred people gathered Sunday afternoon in Madrid to begin a vigil in solidarity with the victims of the killing of Orlando and their families. The venue was the symbolic square Pedro Zerolo, late Socialist councilor of the City of Madrid.

Pedro Zerolo distinguished himself throughout his life to defend the rights of homosexuals and their social integration. He himself was homosexual and do not hide. Until his death, he earned a deserved respect of his peers in the City and Madrid society. The Municipality of the capital of Spain dedicated a square in the historic center of Madrid and that place was the venue chosen by LGBT organizations to convene a vigil in memory of the victims of the shooting in Orlando and in solidarity with their families.

As happened before during the attacks in Paris and Brussels, the Spanish social networks boiled whole Sunday with thousands of messages of condemnation of the slaughter of Orlando and solidarity with the victims and their families. The Spanish Government also condemned the attack and candidates of all political parties contesting the legislative elections on 26 condemned the killing and made calls for unity against terrorism and in defense of gay groups. And from Europe, President of the European Parliament, Martin Schultz, posted a message on Twitter which stated "deeply shocked by the many casualties in Orlando shooting. All my thoughts with relatives and US authorities, we must stay united against terrorism."[\[?\]](#)

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