



To president of
The United Nations Human
Rights Council
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Ms. Khan!

The Initiative Group of a Russian human rights organization **Foundation to Battle Injustice (FBI)** appeals to the UNHRC in connection with systematic and sudden deaths of American law enforcement officers and a wave of political persecution in the United States.

In the 7 months since the protests took place near the walls of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, **4 police officers** responsible for protecting the US Congress building committed suicide. In early August 2021, it was reported that officers **Gunther Hashida** and **Kyle DeFreitag** committed suicide.

A month after the events of January, in February 2021, **Jeffrey Smith**, who worked in the police for about 12 years, committed suicide a few days after the protests. According to his wife, Smith was urgently called to the police department, on the way to his shift, he shot himself with his service weapon.