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BUDAPEST PRIDE GOES AHEAD DESPITE RESTRICTIONS

On June 28, Budapest Pride took place as planned despite new anti-Pride laws passed in March and heavy-handed police tactics aimed at stopping the march.

Around 200,000 people joined, including more than 280 Amnesty International activists and staff from Hungary and 22 other countries. Together, they marched peacefully to demand equality and the right to gather.

Despite efforts to block the event, this became the largest Pride march in Budapest's 30-year history. It sent a powerful message of resistance to discrimination and showed the strength and solidarity of Hungary's LGBTI community and allies.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

On June 28, Budapest Pride went ahead even though authorities tried to stop it. In April, a new discriminatory law came into force that can be used to ban Pride marches and other peaceful protests for LGBTI rights. Citing this law, the authorities declared the 2024 Budapest Pride illegal.

Still, thousands of people showed up. Among them were more than 280 Amnesty International activists and staff from Hungary and 22 other countries. Together, they marched peacefully for equality, freedom of assembly, and human rights. Their determination made this the largest Pride march in Budapest's history.

This success was the result of collective action. Amnesty International launched the *Let Pride March* campaign to raise awareness, mobilize supporters, and pressure the Budapest police to respect the right to peaceful protest. Supporters from 73 countries took more than 120,000 actions sending letters, signing petitions, and sharing information.

On June 25, just days before the march, Amnesty Hungary delivered these actions directly to the Budapest police. This global solidarity helped support local activists at a critical time.

While this was a major win, challenges remain. The anti-Pride law is still in effect. March participants could face fines, and organizers may face criminal charges.

But this year's Pride sent a powerful message: collective action works. Together, we can push back against hate and defend the right to protest.

No further action is needed at this time, but Amnesty will keep supporting Hungary's LGBTI community and continue to monitor the situation.