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“In Uganda starting from February 24th 2014, when the anti-gay law had been approved, everything it has changed” stays S. , 30 years old from Kampala.

“My life has had a meltdown and now I live in constant fear that someone will knock on my door and arrest me, or worse, make me disappear.” This law, in the form in which it had been approved, provides for penalties of up to life imprisonment for everyone who is accused of the “crime of homosexuality” and up to 7 years for everyone who is accused of aiding and abetting.

C rime of aiding that can “condemn” even the lawyers of the accused person or a witness. It makes extremely difficult to defend those who are accused. Now, in addition, it is no longer necessary to take the a person in the sexual act: in the fragrance of full ratification, suspicion of homosexuality is enough to be accused.

A ll the churches in the country, in particular the Evangelical Church and the Pentecostal Church , after being among the promoters of the law are now those who promote and lead the most anti-gay propaganda. In the latest months, because of fear and inability to go out even just to take a bus, alcoholism has increased greatly within the gay community.

F or lots of them it has become the only way to escape reality or to spend their time. Their life enjoys if they can take the opportunity to live in protected locations. The majority go to bar owned by people they can trust blindly, friends who do not abandon them . The richest people usually go to places frequented mainly by the few Westerners in the country.

E xclusive places extremely expensive.



























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