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DID YOU KNOW? WHAT ACTION WILL YOU TAKE?

Violence Against Women: Looking beneath the figures



Gender-based violence in all forms – physical, psychological and economic remains one of the most detrimental affronts to the lives of women. GBV is attributed to a number of factors including cultural attitudes and misconceptions; subordination of women and political factors such as the existence of conflict; which disrupt social relations and increase vulnerability particularly of women and children.



While the magnitude of prevalence of GBV is captured in statistical data indicating the number of women and children violated, murdered and maimed, there are many others who remain statistically insignificant; neither documented anywhere nor seeking or receiving redress.



The 7,690 girls de-filed in 2011	7,690 fragile lives each with a distinct face, personality and individual aspiration for the future shattered physically, emotionally and psychologically but bravely attempting to seek justice despite many limitations. - Only 3,836 suspects arrested. Almost half the reported cases never make it to the courts of law.
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?	The unknown number, whose lives were equally shattered by defilement, but are denied justice, have no funds, cannot afford the costs of a doctor for a medical examination or cannot access the Police form 3, are subdued into silence by the defiler or were the victims of underhand consent agreements. The violations committed against them were never reported.
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The 520 women raped in 2011	520 lives in distress and fear, violated and abused, perhaps even infected with HIV. - Only 269 suspects arrested. Almost half the reported cases never make it to the courts of law.
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?	And, the unknown number, whose lives were equally shattered by rape but are denied justice, suffer in silence, carry an unwanted pregnancy, seek unsafe abortion, and experience numerous medical challenges. The violations committed against them were never reported.
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The 251 women murdered due to domestic violence in 2011	251 lives, only a memory, leaving behind shattered lives of disillusioned family and friends seeking justice. - Only 181 cases investigated.
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?	And, the unknown number, whose lives are only a distant memory and for whom there was never any justice.
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"From Peace in the Home to Peace in the Nation" End Violence Against Women



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