A STATEMENT BY UGANDA WOMEN'S NETWORK CONDEMING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

'Paris Olympics marathon runner Rebecca Cheptegei dies after being set on fire by boyfriend.'

This is but one of several international headlines that have today announced the tragic demise of a female Ugandan athlete at the hands of her partner. Rebecca Cheptegei was doused in petrol and set ablaze by her boyfriend over a dispute on property. Domestic Violence (DV) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAW/G) in particular, continue to rob women of their wellbeing, opportunity, dignity and of life.

Uganda Women's Network mourns the loss of Rebecca, a woman of much promise. We stand in solidarity with all voices condemning this atrocity and all other acts of abuse against women and girls. We reiterate our call for governments to recall their commitments to curb domestic violence by investing in community awareness to change harmful social norms and practices, to facilitate the enforcement and implementation of laws and policies and to capacitate GBV and justice institutions to fulfill their mandates.

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