



A Global Campaign Raising Awareness of Violence Against Women

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One in Three® is pleased to announce that we have by invitation, become an affiliate member of Peace X Peace, a Global Network connecting individuals and circles of women everywhere in the world, through the Internet, for spirited conversation and mutual support. <http://www.peacexpeace.org/>

One in Three® speaks out on global peace study. There is little debate anymore about the prevalence of men’s violence against women in the world. Gender-based violence is a worldwide epidemic and shows up in crime data as high percentages of assault crimes, rapes, and murders. Decades of research also confirms that much violence against women is not reported and many governments do not document it, and those are two important factors in tracking prevalence. Plain and simple, violence against women and the impact on women’s lives around the world are largely ignored; behaviors... [Read More](#)



Harmful Traditional and Cultural Practices Related to Violence Against Women and Successful Strategies to Eliminate Such Practices – Working with Men---by Dr Michael Flood is an overview of strategies for the primary prevention of men’s violence against women. He also comments on the category of ‘harmful traditional and cultural practices’ and other forms of violence against women. He offers a framework identifying six key levels of intervention in

violence prevention. **Read more** of Michael Flood’s article and comment.



Pink Taxis in Moscow



Pink Taxis is a Moscow service run by women for women. Not only does the company guarantee a safe ride, Pink Taxi drivers also offer advice, share gossip and make a concerted effort to lift their passengers' spirits.

Every six hours in South Africa a male partner kills a woman; every 26 minutes a woman is raped.

Kenya--This month our **Speak My Name** project honors Mrs Joyce Wanjiru, who died on Jan. 15, 2007 at age 67. As reported in the news: "‘I do not know whether she knew she was about to die,’ said her husband. All he remembered about the ill-fated day was that after his wife, cursed him, he got angry and hit her several times with a jembe handle. She died after the assault.” For more about [Speak My Name](#)



MURDERED HUMAN RIGHTS

DEFENDERS *South Africa*- On July 8th in Soweto, Sizakele Sigasa, an outreach coordinator at *Positive Women's Network* and an LGBT rights activist, and her friend Salome Masooa, were tortured and brutally murdered. Sigasa, 34, a prominent lesbian rights activist, was shot six times in her head and collarbone. Her underpants had been used to tie her hands behind her back, and her ankles had been tied together with the laces from her own shoes. Salome, 23, was shot through the back of her head. Although no arrests have been made, in a country where daily murders are commonplace, gay rights organizations said the killings were driven by "lesbophobia". [Read more...](#)

Haulie Free, [pictured] is the founder of '[VOICES of Strength](#)' and producer of an Audio Documentary for Rape and Sexual Abuse Survivors. 15 Male and Female Rape and Sexual Abuse Survivors



recorded their story in an effort to help foster awareness and break the silence surrounding this issue. The CD *tells our stories* to help inspire the world, and is filled with inspiring messages to *help you heal* and cope in the aftermath of rape and sexual abuse.



"Indian women suffer two and a half times more domestic violence, three and a half times more sexual assaults, and 17 percent will be stalked - and I'm a victim of all three," said Pauline Musgrove, executive director of the Spirits of Hope Coalition, an advocacy group in Oklahoma, U.S.A.

THE FORGOTTEN by Pamela Masik is a large-scale, powerful series of 69, 8' x 10' portraits of women's faces, featuring the missing women of the East Side of Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Several of the women are linked to the 'Pickton Pig Farm Trial'. Masik's work reveals what or who is

forgotten when one entire dimension of an identity is missing because of their race, class and gender. [See and Hear Show](#)

Violence against women may go unpunished by: **David Melmer**

LOWER BRULE, S.D. - On the Standing Rock Reservation, it is hoped that there will not be more than one call at a time to help victims of violence or crime. A woman who was beaten called for a police officer, but there was only one on duty at the time. She was told an officer would be sent when available. After a few hours of waiting, the woman no longer cared to report the crime, said Georgia Little Shield, director of the Pretty Bird Woman House shelter on Standing Rock.



In a 113-page report from Amnesty International, **Maze of Injustice**, *Failure to Protect Indigenous Women from Sexual Violence in the USA*, "American Indian and Alaska Native women are nearly three times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted in their lifetimes. According to the U.S. Department of Justice 86% of the reported cases of rapes and sexual assaults are committed by non-Native men." **1 in 3 Indian women are raped, a rate that is more than double that of other females.**

Has the anti-violence community failed these sisters? Are we doing enough to support and stand in solidarity with them?

Kurdish Women's Rights Watch (KWRW) monitors and promotes the interests of Kurdish women both in relation to honor-based violence and human and civil rights in general.

Photo: Du'a Khalil, 17, stoned to death in Iraq on April 7, 2007.



Brazil proclaims December 6th, National Day of Men Working to End Violence Against Women.