

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, NOVEMBER 25, Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace, November 24, 2008.

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Al-Islam: Muslim peace org. at UA, Prof. Hameed Naseem, Advisor

OMNI Center for Peace/Nonviolence, Justice, and Ecology: Gladys Tiffany, President, 973-9049.

Sexual Assault

--Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ACASA)

Helen Jane Brown, Exec. Dir.; 215 N. East Ave., Fayetteville 72701; 527-0900. "A statewide coalition of individuals and organizations working together toward the elimination of sexual violence. The Coalition advocates for victim-centered, equitable treatment of all sexual assault victims, provides resources and technical assistance to rape crisis centers, and provides public information on sexual violence issues. The Coalition's website, www.acasa.us, is a resource for sexual assault victims and others concerned with ending violence against women."

--Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Agency (SARPA). www.sarpa.us; hotline: 1-800-794-4175. Sexual assault nurse examiners, sexual assault victim advocacy, and community education.

--University of Arkansas:

A program of STAR Central known as RESPECT (Rape Education Services by Peers Encouraging Conscious Thought) uses student peers facilitate change through education with emphasis on sexual violence prevention and bystander intervention. Additional information can be found on-

line at <http://health.uark.edu/STARCentral/index.htm> and <http://respect.uark.edu/> or by contacting the Director of STAR Central, Mary A. Wyandt-Hiebert, PhD, CHES at (479) 575-7252, Pat Walker Health Center, University of Arkansas, 525 North Garland, Fayetteville, AR 72701

The weblink for the **Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence** is <http://www.accardv.uams.edu/> A comprehensive list of agencies that assist rape victims is linked on their site at <http://www.accardv.uams.edu/centers.htm> and a summary of programs related to domestic violence is at <http://www.accardv.uams.edu/centers-dv.htm>

Shelters for Women and Children

--Benton County Women's Shelter

479-273-5702; bcws@cox-internet.com; www.bcws.org

Domestic violence victims and their children.

--Peace at Home

Services for victims of domestic violence both in the community and in the home. 24-hr crisis line: 479-442-9811. Shelter from abusive relationships, advocacy, support groups, follow-up services.

Death Penalty

OMNI Human Rights Committee. Contact Mark Swaney, 575-7243.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women ...

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women ... to as "No Violence Against Women Day" and the "Day to End Violence Against Women". ...
Say No to Violence against Women!

Violence against women and girls is a universal problem of pandemic proportions. Perhaps the most pervasive human rights violation that we know today, ...

International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers - Home

December 17th is **International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers. ... " Violence against prostitutes is violence against women. ...**

Other titles on violence against
women from UNBISnet
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International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

25 November

By [resolution 54/134](#) of 17 December 1999, the General Assembly designated **25 November** as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence

against Women, and invited governments, international organizations and NGOs to organize activities designated to raise public awareness of the problem on that day. Women's activists have marked 25 November as a day against violence since 1981. This date came from the brutal assassination in 1960, of the three **Mirabal sisters**, political activists in the Dominican Republic, on orders of Dominican ruler Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).

On 20 December 1993 the General Assembly adopted [Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) (A/RES/48/104).

Links to UN and UN System sites:

United Nations

- [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)
- [International Women's Day 2007](#)
- [Women Watch: UN Inter-agency Network on Women and Gender Equality](#)
 - [Gender Equality & the MDGs](#)
- [Commission on the Status of Women](#)
- [Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women](#)
- [UN Division for the Advancement of Women](#)

SENATE BILL 2279

1) info: support S.2279 "Stop Violence Against Women" (by Senators Joe Biden (D-DE) and Richard Lugar (R-IN))

Imagine a world where women are free to thrive

ASK YOUR US SENATOR TO SUPPORT THE

International Violence Against Women Act (S. 2279)

--make a phone call, FAX a letter, mail it, AND sign the petition!

Congressional Switchboard: 202-225-3121; 202-224-3121

[Sign the IVAWA petition!](#)

Click on: http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/840/t/4142/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=617

Be sure to enter your name and address to sign the petition (scroll down the page)

BACKGROUND !

On October 31, 2007 a bill that would help empower millions of women to escape violence and poverty, the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA, S.2279) was introduced in the U.S. Senate. Help make it a reality for women worldwide!

To learn more about the International Violence Against Women Act read the Sample letter below! Or go to: http://www.womensedge.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=366&Itemid=4

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear Congressperson,

We call on you to support the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA), a groundbreaking piece of legislation that would incorporate and make consistent efforts to reduce violence against women and girls in U.S. foreign assistance programs.

Violence against women is a major cause of poverty and a huge barrier to women's economic opportunity - it can keep women from getting an education, working, and earning the income they need to lift their families out of poverty. Moreover, research has shown that giving women in poor countries economic opportunity empowers them to escape and prevent violent situations. In Kerala, India, for example, a study showed that only 7 percent of women who owned property suffered from physical violence, compared to 49 percent of women with no property. The United Nations Development Fund for Women estimates that one in three women around the world will be beaten or abused in her lifetime. If the U.S. wants its efforts to reduce poverty to be as effective as possible, this has got to stop.

By promoting women's economic opportunity, addressing violence against girls in school, encouraging legal reform, working to change public attitudes, and supporting health programs and survivor services, especially in crisis situations, the I-VAWA could have a huge impact on improving the effectiveness of our foreign assistance programs and reducing poverty.

Women in poor countries already face enough barriers to lifting their families out of poverty. Violence should not be one of them. Please join us in supporting women's opportunity worldwide by supporting the International Violence Against Women Act.

Patricia Burkhardt, Church Women United

UN RESOLUTIONS

Sam Cook, "New Resolution Tackles Sexual Violence in Conflict," *Peace and Freedom: Magazine of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom* (Fall 2008). Article discusses 2 resolutions actually: 2000: Security Council Resolution 1325, and 2008: Security Council Resolution 1820. 1325 explains how ending violence against women requires a multidimensional response from many actors, of which the Security Council is one. See also the 2006 Secretary General's Study on Violence Against Women. SC

Resolution 1820, the "new resolution" of the title, focuses on sexual violence. Also read in this no. of *P&F* "U.S. Global Duty: To Deter Violence Against Women" by Tzili Mor, supporting the International Violence Against Women Act and the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Go to: www.aiusa.org/ivawa. Contact our Arkansas congressional delegation. (Members of OMNI will want to be familiar with the WILPF, founded in 1915 by Emily Balch and Jane Addams to unite women worldwide in opposition to oppression and exploitation.) (Dick)

BOOKS (these are some of the books on women published in late 1980s and 1990s in OMNI's library)

--Bart, Pauline and Eileen Moran, eds. *Violence Against Women: The Bloody Footprints*. Sage, 1993.

--Bergen, Raquel. *Wife Rape: Understanding the Response of Survivors and Service Providers*. Sage, 1996.

--Coburn, Jennifer. *Take Back Your Power: A Working Woman's Response to Sexual Harassment*. ISM P, 1995.

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--French, Marilyn. *The War Against Women*. Summit Books, 1992.

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--Meyers, Marian. *News Coverage of Violence Against Women*. Sage, 1997.

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--Paludi, Michele, ed. *Ivory Power: Sexual Harassment on Campus*. Suny, 1997.

--Skaine, Rosemarie. *Power and Gender: Issues in Sexual Dominance and Harassment*. McFarland, 1996.

--Stark, Evan and Anne Flitcraft. *Women at Risk: Domestic Violence and Women's Health*. Sage, 1996.

--Stockdale, Margaret, ed. *Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*. Sage, 1996.

--Thorne-Finch, Ron. *Ending the Silence: The Origins and Treatment of Male Violence against Women*. U of Toronto P, 1992.

--Walker, Lenore. *Terrifying Love: Why Battered Women Kill and How Society Responds*. Harper & Row, 1989.

--Wall, Edmund, ed. *Sexual Harassment*. Prometheus, 1992.

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OMNI SEEKS A WORLD FREE OF VIOLENCE AND THE THREAT OF WAR, A SOCIETY WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY PERSON'S POTENTIAL MAY BE FULFILLED, AN EARTH RESTORED. GRASSROOTS NONVIOLENCE, WORLD PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, SOCIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROTECTING SPECIES AND THE EARTH. These are some of OMNI's ideals. Read our brochure and our newsletters, attend our Steering Committee, become an active member of one or more of our committees, participate in our dozens of activities to see how these broad goals for building a Community of Peace are realized in action. There is nothing vague about Building a Community of Peace.