



FIJI WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTRE

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Hughes opens Nadi Centre

Police back 'no-drop' policy

Domestic violence will not be tolerated by police and the Commissioner Andrew Hughes has assured that he will issue frequent reminders to police officers that the "No Drop Policy" be properly followed.

Speaking at the official opening of the Nadi Women's Crisis Centre Mr Hughes said it was not up to police to facilitate a reconciliation in any domestic violence matter, especially when someone has been assaulted.

"They have to proceed to prosecution and if a reconciliation is deemed appropriate, then the Courts can take that into account."

He also admitted that a misperception persists in the police that sexual assaults are motivated by a desire for sexual satisfaction by the assailant. "This is not the case. Sexual assaults are in the most part an act of aggression where domination is the key ingredient and the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre plays an important role in educating police and others in this regard," Mr Hughes said.

The Commissioner first visited the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre (Suva) in November of last year.

"I had the privilege of visiting the Centre in Suva and I was very impressed by the dedication and the resolve of the women who work there. Fiji Women's Crisis Centre Coordinator Shamima Ali said the official opening was nothing to celebrate because there can be no pleasure in the stark realities of many women's lives.

"The celebration was in the fact that we can do something about the daily abuse, wife battering, sexual assaults, emotional abuse, child molestation that women and children suffer."

The Nadi Centre caters for women in Nadi, Sigatoka and parts of Lautoka.



Police Commissioner Andrew Hughes with NWCC staff members, L-R: Siteri Namere, Elizabeth Cama (Project Officer), Reshmi Singh, Sofia Begum, FWCC Coordinator Shamima Ali and New Zealand Aid's Nicki Wrighton



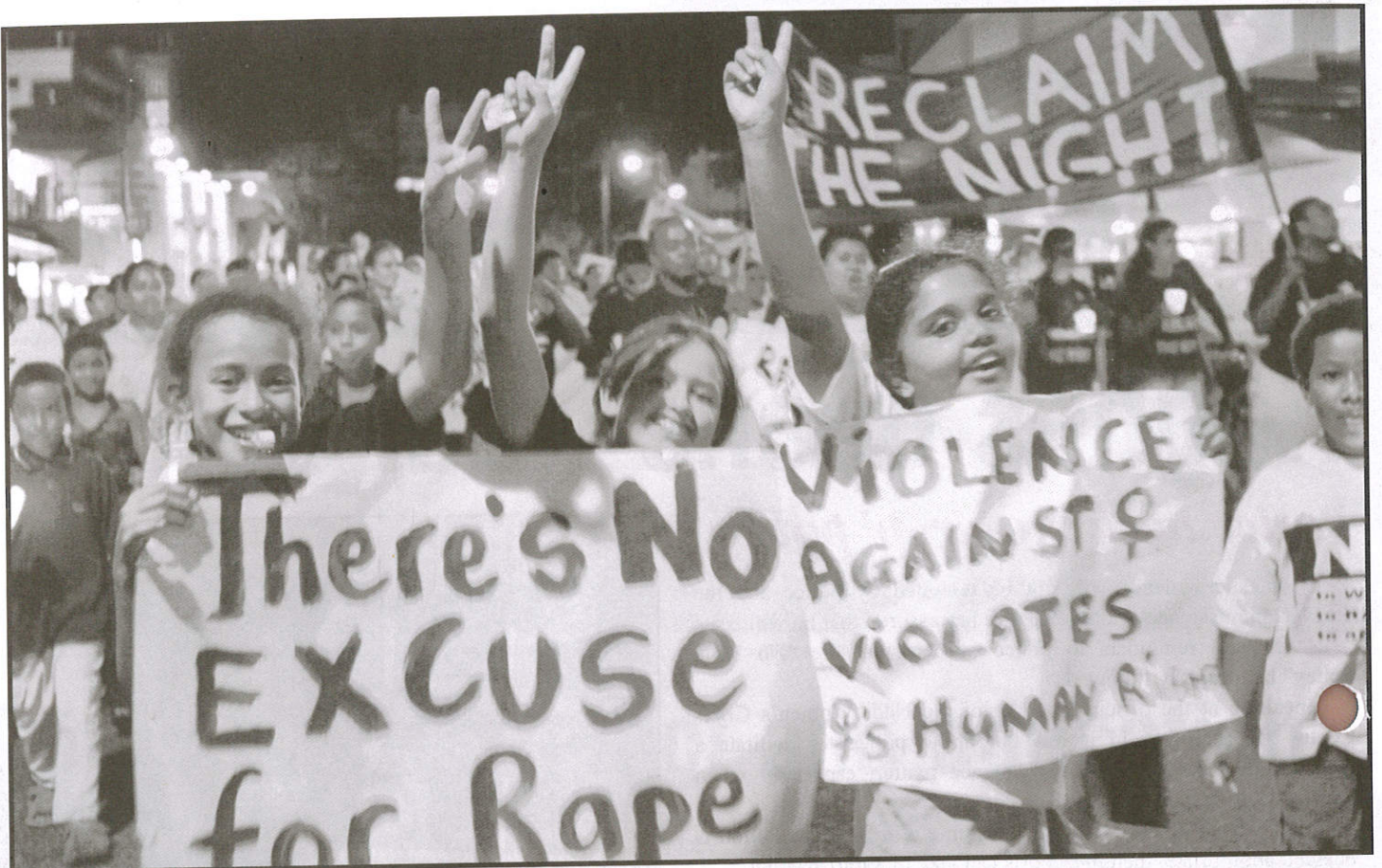
Lomaiviti invites FWCC

For the first time, the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre was invited to be part of the Lomaiviti Tikina meetings after an invitation from the Lomaiviti Provincial Council.

During the various meetings that were held at various tikinas of Lomaiviti, FWCC senior Counsellor Salote Malo highlighted to about 350 chiefs and tikina representatives the various services provided by the centre.

Some of the issues and concerns highlighted by those present were sexual assault, domestic violence and the use of bulubulu in these situations.

Meeting venues included Nataulua in Nairai, Navukailagi, Vanuaso, Davravadra in Gau and Nasau in Koro Island.



"Peace" ... these three young activists were enthusiastic throughout the march, chanting and singing along with the crowd

Men join march for safe streets

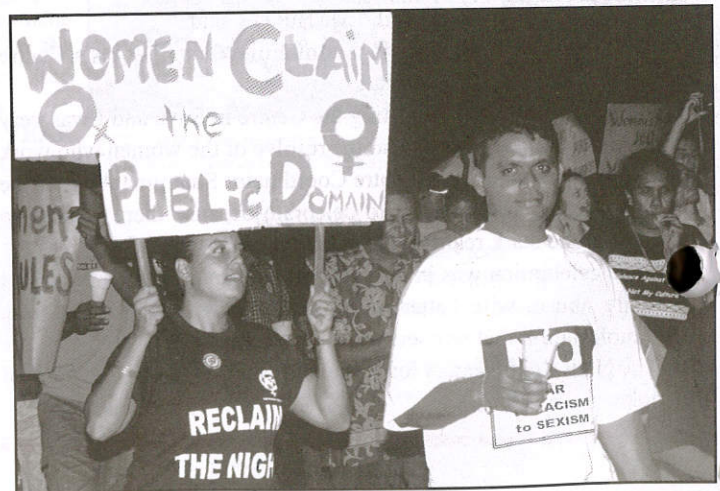
The annual Reclaim the Night March attracted a large number of male supporters this year. Held on the night of March 8 to mark International Women's Day, about 100 men, young and old alike joined the crowd to show their support.

"It is very encouraging to see so many men come up and support the march as it is a sign that they are supporting the elimination of violence against women," said Fiji Women's Crisis Centre Coordinator Shamima Ali. The slight drizzle and the cold breeze did not deter the crowd as they chanted at the top of their voices, "What do we want? Safe streets! When do we want it? NOW!"

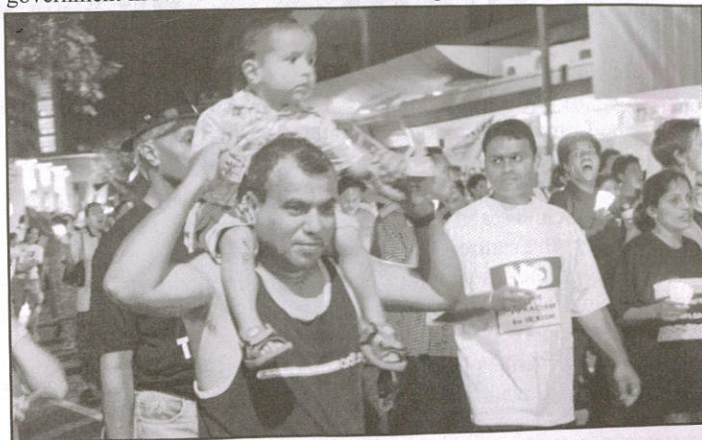
Ms Ali said the night march called for safer streets and safer homes. "It is a symbolic statement that the streets and the night also belongs to us. For many women, the fear of walking through the streets, of being alone at home or even being with a family member is very real.

"This is our call of solidarity to them and it is a call to the authorities to ensure that women and children feel safe in streets, homes and through the night and day in this country", Ms Ali said.

Labour Minister Kenneth Zinck accepted a petition to the government in relation to sexual offences legislation.



Tara Chetty and Umesh Chand at the march



Some of the men who joined to show their support



Keenan Chung and Anare Yuniwai showed their support by being at the frontline

Pictures by Jone Luvenitoga

'FWCC teaches us to be better men'

"The Fiji Women's Crisis Centre is not trying to teach us to be weak men, but to be better men, said Fiji Military Forces Lieutenant Colonel Solomon Raravula.

While presenting on behalf of the 15 participants he said before they entered the two-week training they were all living the "macho way of life".

"First of all when we were growing up and then when we entered this profession it is all about being macho but we have come to learn about the important contribution of women in our society. We have to treat women as our equals."

Royal Fiji Military Forces Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant Colonel Meli Pulunayau who was chief guest at the closing ceremony said the macho culture exists because of the patriarchal structure that still very much exists within our society.

"This kind of training is vital in trying to break down this macho culture," he said while acknowledging the FWCC for initiating the training.

At the end of the AusAID sponsored training, the participants came up with the Peninsula Declaration in which they committed themselves to advocating for women's human rights in their workplaces, their families and society at large.

The Peninsula Declaration

The last two weeks have been extremely educational. Initially our preconceived ideas were tough to crack. These men you must understand are the products of a patriarchal institution so we had some very interesting moments with Shamima especially on issues of women's contribution to address domestic violence and dress codes. However, it is my pleasure to declare to this forum that we have been impacted by what all the presenters have conveyed to us in the last two weeks. It has resulted in the Peninsula Declaration (PD) which is:

- Shared decision making
- Value women's/wife's opinion and views
- Power sharing – sharing leadership roles
- Stop the violence at home
- Improve your current situation and strengths
- Realising your shortcomings and work

towards improvement

- Adopt a non-threatening attitude/approach
- Supporting wife's (including children) interests/goals
- Increase communication skills and be more loyal, supportive
- Care and understand spiritual needs, welfare
- Being more humane and gentle
- Being more gender conscious
- Spreading the 'gospel' to community (youth, religious, men's groups) to condemn violence against women and to view it as a crime
- Push for awareness on violence against women at village, district and provincial forums
- Actively involved and support all Government and NGO programs that promote the elimination of violence against women
- Practice counselling skills at home, work, church
- Share/discuss reality/dangers of unprotected sex that lead to STI and HIV/AIDS
- Including removing/eliminating myths about VAW and Human Rights
- Educate/uphold/practice/ understand basic Human Rights for women and children; all human beings
- Our respective roles/responsibilities to the various rights as advocated by the various presenters

"We, the signatories to the PD support the Naviti Commitment and we are committed to actually practicing our plan of action as agreed by the members of this group"



Lt Col Raravula discussing strategies with FWCC's Communications Officer, Losana McGowan

Why gender equality is important



Standing L-R: SGT Nasoni Bolatolu, CPL Tevita Bese, LS Sakeasi Vonolagi, CPL Saimoni Saganalevu, SGT Epeli Gonevakarua, W02 Taitusi Rakovakarairua, SSGT Jone Vatukela, CPL George Rounds, CPL Meli Tauvoli, SGT Joseva Cokanauto, SGT Marika Rasovo. Sitting L-R: WOR Kalivati Naitete, FWCC Deputy Coordinator Edwina Kotoisua, FWCC Senior Counsellor Salote Malo, Lt.Col Solomon Raravula, PO Mesake Sere, FWCC Coordinator Shamima Ali, SGT Lemeki Navusolo

SGT Nasoni Bolatolu: "It is vital that women's contribution to society is recognized because they make an immense contribution and yet it is hardly recognized".

SGT Lemeki Navubolo: "It will help in the development of Fiji through education, economically, access to resources, decision making and so much more".

Col G Rounds: "Gender equality is important for Fiji in the political arena not only at the national level but internationally as well".

SGT Epeli Gonevakarua: "Men and women should work together side by side so our children who are our future would grow up in a secure environment free from violence".

SSGT Jone Vatuleka: "If we all practice gender equality we will respect each other".

CPL Tevita Bese: "Violence against women occurs because gender equality is hardly practiced which creates an unbalanced power structure".

SGT Joseva Cokanauto: "It leads to a happy, loving and respectful families which leads to a better society as gender equality allows for sharing of powers within a family.

Ali appointed human rights commissioner

Shamima Ali, coordinator of the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre was appointed as Human Rights Commissioner.

The appointment is a great achievement for women's NGOs to be represented at this level and is also important for the recognition of women's human rights issues on the Commission.

As stated in the Constitution of the Fiji Islands, the Human Rights Commission consists of three members, the Ombudsman (Walter Rigamoto), a person who is qualified

to be a judge (Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi) and the other member (Shamima Ali). Their term on the Human Rights Commission will be for two years.

The role of the Commission as stated in the Constitution; are to educate the public about the nature of the Bill of Rights, make recommendations to the Government about matters affecting compliance with human rights and to perform other such functions as given to the Commission by law made by the parliament.

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A child's right to safety

Children have the right to grow up in a safe environment, a group of parents and teachers of Tai District School in Tailevu were told.

Fiji Women's Crisis Centre was invited to speak at the school on National Children's Day and the issue of child abuse, which was the main topic of the day, generated a lot of discussion

FWCC's Salote Malo told the crowd that



Tai District School students

it was important for parents to discuss these issues with their children, as this will enable them to open up and report any incidences they feel uncomfortable with.

Salote also spent some time talking to the children about their '8 rules for safety'.

Child abuse breaks trust

Children learn trust in their own families, based on being able to rely on and trust their parents.

Abused children, who learn that they can't trust their parents, may have difficulty in adult relationships where trust is required.



Labasa wants more workshops

Government should put in place tougher laws to ensure that domestic violence perpetrators do not re-offend said a workshop participant in Labasa.

The participant said workshops as such should be carried out more often as it makes people aware of the causes and consequences of

domestic violence. Labasa Women's Crisis Centre's project officer, Sera Bogitini said most participants were happy to know more about an issue that most of them face often within their respective communities. Held at Scout Hall in Labasa the 30 participants were the leaders from the various women's groups.



Bimla Singh discussing myths with a group of participants at the Scout Hall-Workshop on domestic violence and its effect on children



Domestic violence occurs ... Lami Parish Youth members at the rally

Making Lami youths aware

Young people need to know more about the issue of violence against women before they decide to settle down and start a family said a Lami Parish Youth after a domestic violence session by the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre.

FWCC was invited by the youth group to conduct the sessions as part of their youth retreat.

"Marriage is supposed to be

a lifetime commitment between two people and it is sad to see so many marriages breaking up because many men are not acknowledging their violent behavior and think it is the woman's fault all the time," the youth member said.

She said the issue of violence against women should be taught at a very early age so the male population can have a much better understanding of the issue.

Scrap new Arms Act

The Arms and Ammunition Act has received a lot of disapproval from concerned members of the public and non-government organizations.

During a panel discussion organised by the Pacific Concerns Resource Centre and a committee of women's NGO's, a Ministry of Home Affairs representative was bombarded with questions regarding the Act.

One of the main issues raised was the fact that there was not much public consultation carried out given that it is such a crucial piece of legislation, but the state representative argued that the consultation was only carried out with major stakeholders such as the police, military and the prisons department.

About the Arms and Ammunition Act 2003

On Monday April 28 2003, the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration introduced a Bill to regulate and control the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, possession, use and storage of arms and ammunition and for related matters, Bill No. 6 of 2003.

The Act aims to put in place new gun laws to replace the Arms and Ammunition Act (Cap.188) following a review by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 1997. The review was in response to an increase in the illegal use of arms, explosives, and dangerous weapons in Fiji.

What are the dangers to the women and children in Fiji?

- Fiji has a high level of violence against women. Research around the world has shown that guns and domestic violence are a lethal combination, guns injure and kill women. When guns are used in a violent assault, the risk of death increases dramatically.

- Studies also show that for women, having a gun in the home and a history of domestic violence combine to significantly increase the risk that she may be murdered. Further it makes it difficult for family members or those

in the community to intervene because the security risks are much higher than in other circumstances.

- In the experience of the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, many women in violent relationships have reported to counsellors that at some point their husbands/partners had made death threats against them. If we consider the number of murders of women by their partners over the years – where women have either been bashed or stabbed to death, imagine the fatalities which guns can cause.

- In cases of sexual assault, women will become even more vulnerable if guns are available. Where in the few cases of sexual assault women do have the power to resist, they will be more powerless when a gun is being used.

- The availability of guns will only lead to the increase in violence against women. The Arms and Ammunition Act states that there will be stringent conditions for the issuing of gun licenses and they will only be issued to those applicants meeting a certain criteria including if they are of "sound mind" and have no "criminal record".

In Fiji, 66% of women surveyed in a national survey carried out by FWCC were beaten by their partner.

Offenders of domestic violence come from all different backgrounds (economic, educational, social, religious etc.) and they would be considered by most people to be of "sound mind". Also, they are very likely to have impeccable criminal records because statistically domestic violence is a very under-reported crime. So, how then can we ensure protection for women who live in domestic violence situations.

Another cause for concern in this country is the increasing rates of suicide. The availability of guns can exacerbate this problem giving an accessible and fatal method to the high risk groups of our society.



Timeline in Bill's passage

- April 28 2003**, the Minister for Home Affairs introduced the Arms and Ammunitions bill 6/2003 to regulate and control the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, possession, use and storage of arms and ammunition and related matters.

- April 29** – second reading of the bill which committed it to the Sector Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Order to "inquire into and make recommendations".

- May 2-6** – public invited to make submission. The very limited timeframe for public submissions is appalling when one compares it to the time it took for the Family Law Bill to eventually be passed in parliament.

- May 7** – the Committee reported back to Parliament but requested for more time to receive submissions. This was granted.

- The Report was tendered at the June sitting of the Lower House and the bill debated on for two days.

- It was also passed in the Lower House and Senate only debated on it for two days in July 3-4. An attempt by the Labour Party senators to move a motion of amendment on certain sections failed.

- It was passed without amendment on July 4 2003 and became law of the land.

- The Act is silent on the date when the Minister for Home Affairs will gazette its enforcement, the normal trend is one year from the date of passage, but in this case, there is no definite date. It is anticipated that this will be between May – June, 2004.



"The availability of guns will only lead to more violence and insecurity in society. This Act has been passed without proper consideration of its implications and without any consultation with civil society."

(Fiji Women's Crisis Centre)

Emā Tagicakibau
Pacific Concerns Resource Centre

Hughes visits Labasa

Police Commissioner Andrew Hughes told the staff of Labasa Women's Crisis Centre that a Sexual Offences Unit will soon be set up in the Northern Division, and he has already appointed a female officer to be in charge of the unit.

The Commissioner was on an official tour of the Northern Division when he paid a courtesy visit to the centre. Mr Hughes commended the cooperation of Labasa police officers in regards to working with the staff of LWCC.

He attributed the improvement of the attitudes of police officers to the gender training that was conducted by the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre.

The LWCC Project Officer, Sera Bogitini used this opportunity to raise the continuing need for police posts in rural areas and that these posts should not be closed down. He encouraged the centre staff to visit remote police posts like the Tukavesi Police Post in Cakaudrove, while conducting mobile counselling.



A job well done... Mr Hughes thanks LWCC's Bimla Singh. Also present is Teresia Toganivalu, Rinieta Ratawa and LWCC's project officer Sera Bogitini

WOMEN ON THE MOVE

FWCC congratulates:

• Police Inspector Sera Bernard in her new appointment as the Officer in Charge (OC), Samabula. Inspector Benard looks after the Samabula, Raiwaqa and Nabua police stations.

• Police Inspector Makereta Ciri in her new appointment as the Assistant Officer in Charge (OC) at the Central Police Station. Inspector Ciri is also currently an Acting Assistant Superintendent.



Photo by Jone Tegeny

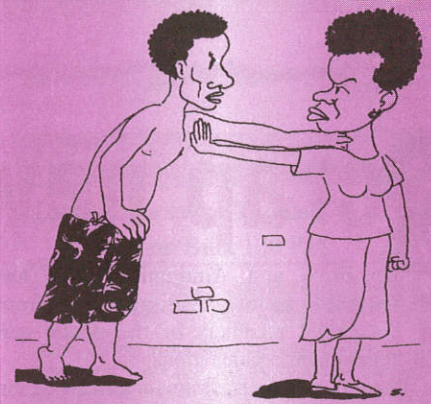


Farewell and good luck Aneela!

FWCC bade farewell to Aneela Wati who has been with the centre for 16 years.

Aneela is leaving for greener pastures in New Zealand with her family. Very hardworking, determined, loyal and friendly Aneela will surely be missed by all of us at the centre.

We wish you all the best and good luck for the future!



"NO" MEANS NO!

The myths of rape

FALSE IDEA

Women ask for it by their dress or behaviour.

FACT

No woman asks to be raped. Rape is not a sexual experience. It is never pleasurable for the woman. Women have the same right as men to dress and behave as they please. We don't blame the victim in other crimes. If someone is robbed, we don't say he was 'asking for it' just because he walked down the street at night with money in his pocket.

VAKASAMA LASU BALETA NA KUCU

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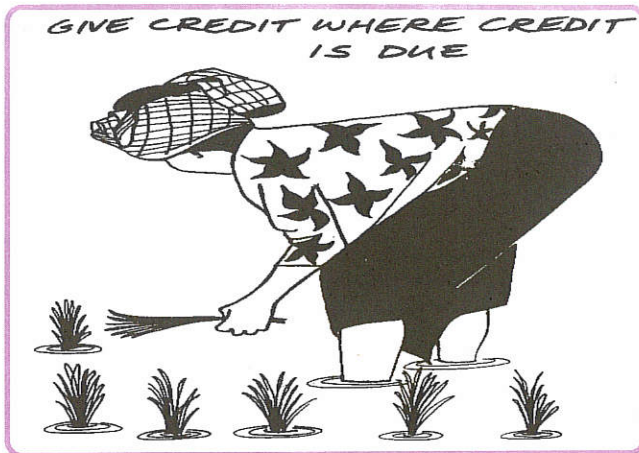
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गलत भावना

महिलायें अपने पोशाक और व्यवहार से पुरुष को उनके साथ बलात्कार करने के लिये उकसाती हैं।

वास्तविकता

कोई भी महिला बलात्कार के लिये आग्रह नहीं करती। बलात्कार कोई यौन अनुभव नहीं है। यह कभी भी किसी भी महिला के लिये सुखदायक नहीं होता। महिलाओं को भी अपनी मर्जी का पहनने और व्यवहार करने का अधिकार है। हम अन्य अपराधों में तो अपराध का शिकार हुये व्यक्ति को दोषी नहीं ठहराते। अगर किसी को चोर लूट ले तो हम यह नहीं कहते कि वह व्यक्ति लुटना चाहता था इस लिये वह अपनी जेब में पैसे रख कर रात में सड़क पर चल रहा था।



Calendar of Crimes Against Women

DECEMBER 2003

- 21 - Meli Bativia, a 50 year old carpenter who indecently assaulted an Australian Tourist in Kadavu was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment suspended for two years by the Suva Magistrate Court.
- 21 - Yavutawa Taukei and Anare Vakaraautaki both 18 pleaded guilty to charges of burglary, larceny, robbery with violence, rape and attempted rape.
- 24 - Seremaia Balelala who was jailed for rape in 1988 was jailed again for 11 years by the Suva High Court for the rape of an American tourist.

breast while she was asleep.

FEBRUARY 2004

- 9 - A 21-year old woman was left unconscious after being assaulted by her husband. The victim was rushed to the Tavua Hospital by relatives.
- 11 - Sitiveni Degei, 61, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for indecently assaulting a six-year-old girl.
- 12 - Ovini Vuanimasei, 20, of Navoci Village was denied bail after being charged with two counts of rape.

Woman dead, husband in hiding
A WOMAN died late yesterday afternoon after being allegedly assaulted by her husband who is on the run.

protected from people like him.

MARCH, 2004

- 11 - 34-year old Jone Koro Senibau of Moala Village in Nadi who raped his teenaged niece three years ago was jailed for five years by Magistrates Sayed Mukhtar Shah.

• 11 - Joeli Ledua was jailed for ten years yesterday by the Suva Magistrates Court for indecently assaulting and raping two women on the same day.

- 16 - Salacieli Rokomina of Labasa, who struck his wife with a cane-knife was sent to jail by Magistrate Sunil Kane for 18 months.
- 17 - Yogendra Singh, 31, of Lautoka, who pleaded guilty to murdering his wife on March 14 2002 was sent to jail for life.

APRIL, 2004

- 1 - Joeli Moco, 28, of Moala pleaded guilty to attempted rape and was told to seek help for his drinking problem after he used this in mitigation as his reason for committing the crime.

• 7 - Eliki Mototabua, a second year law student of the University of the South Pacific was sentenced to ten years imprisonment after being convicted of abduction, wrongful confinement and five counts of rape. Mototabua abducted the woman by forcing her into a taxi at the Nausori bus stand and took her to his house where he kept her there for four days, assaulting and threatening her.

• 8 - Navau Lebobo, 28, who raped a 76-year-old woman in June 2002 and bludgeoned her husband to death with an iron rod was jailed for 20 years by the Suva High Court.

• 24 - Nacanieli Marawa was jailed by the Suva High Court on two counts of rape. The former Fiji Rugby masseur committed the crime on two occasions in January 24 and February 15 in 2001 when the girl was just 14 years old.

Man admits hacking partner to death
By AVINESH GOPAL
A MAN will be sentenced by the High Court in Lautoka today after he admitted killing his de facto wife and seriously injuring her.

Life in jail for wife killer

KURTI SHARMA
A man went to jail for life yesterday after pleading guilty to murdering his wife.
Justice Kishore Govind at the Lautoka High Court yesterday sentenced a 31-year-old man to life in jail for murdering his wife with a cane knife. The court heard that Singh came home drunk on March 14, 2002, and started having an argument with his father-in-law after which he attacked the elderly man with a cane knife. He then chased his wife and hacked her from behind, leaving the deceased in a pool of blood. Police said he danced in front of the home, shouting that he had killed his wife, before surrendering himself to the police.
A remorseful Singh appeared before Justice Kishore Govind at the Lautoka High Court yesterday. He faced one count of murder and a second count of assault with intention to cause grievous harm.

He pleaded guilty on both accounts and told the court that he was very sorry for committing the offence. His lawyer asked the court to be lenient with the sentencing but Justice Govind showed no mercy and sentenced him to life in jail. He was also sentenced to six years and 10 months in jail for attacking his father-in-law, both sentences to be served consecutively.

underwent an X-ray to determine the extent of her injuries.

- 14 - A 48-year-old fisherman of Nadi who indecently assaulted his stepdaughter was jailed for two years.
- 17 - A 42-year old Nadi man was jailed for 4 years after he tried to rape a high school student in January. The accused pleaded guilty to the court and was ordered a long custodial sentence by Magistrate Samusamuvodre because he said the accused was a danger to society.

• 18 - Afzal Khan, a Nadi driver who was convicted for the murder of Evelyn Nair in 1972 and later released for serving his term was jailed again for wrongfully confining and indecently assaulting a 9-year old. Khan appeared before Magistrate Sayed Mukhtar Shah charged with one count each of abducting a 9-year old, wrongful confinement and indecent assault.

• 19 - A 40-year old man who defiled and impregnated a 15-year old girl was jailed for four years. The assaults took place at the orphanage where the girl was staying. Magistrate Vani Ravono said that the offence was serious and young girls needed to be

- 26 - Qaliita Saumaimuri a labourer of Vatuwaqa was sentenced to four years imprisonment for charges of indecent assault and rape.
- 31 - A woman died after being allegedly assaulted by her husband. The tragedy happened at Malolo, a cane farming settlement outside Nadi Town.

JANUARY 2004

- 1 - A garment worker of Nadi died after she was severely beaten up by her drunken husband, Simione Sigavinaka, while their two year old daughter looked helplessly.
- 5 - Ganga Raju, 53, of Lautoka is in police custody after he hacked his wife to death following an argument.
- 13 - A 21-year-old technician of Lautoka who defiled a 15-year-old student had his charge increased to rape by the Lautoka Magistrate Court.
- 20 - Apimeleki Taumeke, 23, of Lami was charged with with raping a 29-year-old woman also of Lami.
- 26 - Metuisela Tawailasa, a 27-year-old plumber was given a nine month suspended sentence for touching a woman's



Participants after an evening session on domestic violence in Draiba Settlement, Keyasi, Sigatoka



Sigatoka women during International Women's Day

Community contact and education

FEBRUARY 2004

- CORPORAL'S QUALIFYING COURSE, POLICE ACADEMY, SUVA. Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

MARCH 2004

- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, NADROGA PROVINCIAL BURE: Domestic Violence
- BUA VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL, BUA: Domestic Violence and Human Rights
- COBOI, LABASA, CUBUE WOMEN'S GROUP: Domestic Violence
- NADROGA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, NADROGA: International Women's Day
- RAM KHELAWAN PRIMARY

SCHOOL, NADERA:

- International Women's Day
- BA SOROPTIMIST: History of the Ba Women's Crisis Centre
- SUBRAIL PARK, LABASA: Role of FWCC
- FIJI ISLANDS CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS, LAUTOKA: Sexual Harassment
- SUVA: Public Forum on the Arms and Ammunitions Act. Impact of arms on women
- USP 1st YEAR SOCIOLOGY, SUVA: Gender Issues

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMUNITY HALL, BA: Domestic Violence and Legal Rights

- YAUDIGI HALL, LABASA - Catholic Women's League: Domestic Violence and it's Effects on Children
- ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SUVA: International Women's Day
- LEADERSHIP FIJI, SUVA: Women's Human Rights
- BILOLO SANATAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, BA: Child Abuse
- VARAVU SANATAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, BA: Child Abuse
- FIJI ISLANDS CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS, LABASA: Sexual Harassment
- BATIRILAGI DISTRICT SCHOOL, LABASA: Role of FWCC, Domestic Violence and it's Effects on Children
- TEACHERS OF MOUNT SAINT MARY'S, NADI: Child Abuse

APRIL 2004

- KEYASI, SIGATOKA. Domestic Violence and Child Abuse.



FWCC young volunteers during the school break, Milika, Pajimaca, Nadine and Simran

WASEWASE CAUBATI METHODIST CHURCH. FWCC services

- VATUMALI WOMEN'S GROUP NADROGA: Domestic Violence and Child Abuse.
- YWCA KINDERGARTEN, PARENTS & STUDENTS: Protective Behaviours
- PARENT'S, TEACHERS AND STUDENT OF TAI DISTRICT SCHOOL, TAILEVU: Child Abuse
- BETHANY MISSION KINDERGARTEN, NADI: Child Abuse
- PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF MOUNT SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, NADI: Child Abuse
- LAMI PARISH CATHOLIC YOUTH, LAMI: Domestic Violence

MAY 2004

- CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE, TRADEWINDS CONVENTION CENTRE. Violence Against Women in the Pacific.
- POLICE RECRUITS, POLICE ACADEMY. Domestic violence.

Staff profile

NAME: Elizabeth Cama
POSITION: Project Officer (Nadi Centre)

Job Description: Compiling weekly and monthly statistics. Look after the day to day management of the centre and accompanying counsellors and clients to the hospital and police station.

REFLECTIONS: I started with NWCC at the beginning of the year and these five months have taught me a lot and have made me more aware of the discrimination that women still experience. Being with the centre has helped me greatly in understanding my field of study (Psychology). After I attend this Regional Training Program I am confident that I will be better informed to help women who come to us for assistance.

