

## 25th INTERNATIONAL DAY: STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

That date is stated in the calendar and I ask myself: WHY?

This International Day shouldn't exist in our lives.

I don't understand how people can hurt others, and even less how a man is able to kill a woman who he has shared his life with and even when they have had children together.

In my opinion, these people have got very ill minds because if not, it's very difficult to understand.

Unfortunately, this weekend we have heard of three new murders, three women killed by their partners.

But this kind of violence, although it's the most serious, isn't the only one, since there are lots of women suffering psychological and physical abuse at home caused mainly by their partners.

Moreover, there is another kind of violence when women are sexually exploited by Mafia networks.

In both cases, they must report their aggressors to the police. But it's difficult because they are afraid of the consequences. And because, in my opinion, the justice system isn't very efficient at these problems.

I don't know what the solution is but I think these people should serve their sentence in full and the justice should be harder on them. Also, it will be necessary to enforce restraining orders issued by court with fines or prison.

On the other hand, we must teach our children (boys and girls) to respect other people regardless of their race, age, religion or sex.

I wish this were the last year that we have to mark this day in our calendar.

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