



16 Days of Activism – 25 November to 10 December 2016

DAY 3. 27 NOVEMBER, 2016

HONOUR KILLINGS/FEMICIDE

* Honour killings are the homicide of a member of a family by other members, due to the perpetrator's belief that the victim has brought shame or dishonour upon the family, or has violated the principles of their community or religion.

* Reasons for honour killings include: refusing to enter an arranged marriage, seeking a divorce or separation, being in a relationship disapproved of by the family, having sex outside marriage, being a victim of rape, dressing in ways deemed inappropriate, engaging in homosexual relations, bringing insufficient dowry to a family.

* Honour killings are acts of vengeance, usually resulting in death, committed by male family members against female family members.

* Femicide is a murder committed by a current or former husband/boyfriend- it is also called intimate partner homicide.

* Forced suicide is sometimes used as a substitute for an honour killing.

* An average of two women per week are killed by an intimate partner.

* Every 90 minutes an honour killing is perpetrated somewhere in the world

RESOURCES:

Australian Institute of Criminology – 36% of all homicides take place in a domestic setting and 73% of those involve a woman being killed by her male partner http://www.aic.gov.au/crime_types/violence/domestic.html

VIDEOS: Honour killings across culture and time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OseeTd-DIH4>

Australia's double honour killing www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_qM2cl3Q9Q



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