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Subject: Brutal Killing of young women with Albinism.

The Albinism Society of South Africa is appalled and deeply concerned by the Gender-Based Violence in our country. This has been highlighted again in the past two weeks, by devastating events dominating the headlines.

Because of the recent media attention, we know the names of these women. As their cases, have been reported and their families have been vocal in the media the experts, however, say that this kind of violence is ubiquitous.

The situation also points to a moral and spiritual bankruptcy in our society in which the value placed on human life, and women's lives has been eroded.

The fact that people can inflict such torture and harm upon another human being, and sometimes on someone they claim to love, can only be the result of a deeply distorted sense of self and the dignity of the other.

It is with great disappointment to report that a young woman has been killed by her partner. We may never know the underlining reasons for her death. It is also sad to state that a person with albinism has contributed to the statics of gender based violence.

Asanda Mbuyazi 19 years old, has been killed by her partner in KwaMbonabi Richards Bay Kwa-Zulu Natal. She had been missing for a week and her body was discovered on Saturday afternoon after a long search for her.

As society, we need to create a counter-culture in which the dignity of each person, is seen and honoured. We need both to act by challenging the status quo and by working to address the multiple root causes of Gender-Based Violence within society and within our own organisations.

Kind Regards

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