Remembering

Op-Ed **Abducted Nigerian girls still missing, a distracted world must remember**

Acid Attacks on Women in Iran

HRW: Sudan: Mass Rape by Army in Darfur

Despite significant breakthroughs in the past 20 years, violence against women and girls justified in the name of religion, customs, traditions – in short, culture - remains unabated. Women continue to be persecuted, punished through stoning, whipping and lashing and killed for making choices in life that are perceived to defy social norms.

Reuters: Afghan women excluded from peace talks with Taliban

IRAQ: Women's rights activists increasingly targeted by militants

The erosion of secular space, the advancement of fundamentalist ideologies, and the relentless view that culture is a static and impenetrable are three of the disturbing trends facing women and girls in many societies today. And women on the frontline of resisting these are often the most vulnerable.

Activists Push for Looser Abortion Laws in Senegal

Egypt: Ms. Yara Sallam and 23 other protesters sentenced to two years

Salmmah for Women's Resource Centre in Khartoum is shut down by the Sudanese Ministry

And today – we remember and honour them for their sacrifices and renew our solidarity

Farida Afridi, executive director of the human rights NGO Sawera,
was shot dead in cold blood in Pakistan.
RIP: 7 July 2012

Salwa Bugaighis, human rights activist was shot dead by unknown assailants at her home in the restive east Libyan city of Benghazi.
RIP: 25 June 2014

Naseeb Miloud Karfana, a TV journalist based in the southern city of Sabha, was murdered. Libya.
RIP: 29 May 2014

Ummaya Gabbara, the women's affair advisor for mayor Salah Al Din in Iraq, was killed on the frontline while defending her town against ISIS.
RIP: 22 June 2014

Shaimaa Al Sabbagh was one the leading member of the Socialist Popular Alliance Party in Egypt. She died on Jan. 24 after suffering shotgun pellet injuries in Cairo.

RIP: 24 January 2015

Angeza Shinwari, prominent female politician and 'brave voice' died after car bomb attack, Eastern Nangarhar province in Afghanistan.
RIP: 16 February 2015

Intisar Al-Hasiri, a popular blogger and civil rights activist, was found murdered in Tripoli, Libya.
RIP: 24 February 2015

•Violence against women is never acceptable, whatever the justification offered.

•Those who would deny us women our full range of human rights, including our right to life, security and dignity, must not be allowed to continue with impunity.

from Women Living Under Muslim laws and Violence is not our Culture Campaign Statement delivered during the54th session of the CSW to review the 15th year of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

A tribute from Women Living Under Muslim Laws, delivered during the 59th session of the CSW to review the 20th year of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action