



AMERICA/HONDURAS - Femicide continues to spread: nearly 4000 women were killed between 2002 and 2013

Tegucigalpa (Agenzia Fides) - Violence in Honduras is the result of an average of 15 murders a day, attributed to several reasons, and puts the Country among the most violent in the world where there remains a serious situation of insecurity and discrimination against the female gender. At least 3,923 women were murdered between 2002 and 2013, and 90% of crimes go unpunished. According to recent estimates by the local Commission of Human Rights, 2,133 cases (54.37 %) were recorded between 2010 and 2013. In 2010, the average number of women who die as a result of violence was 32 per month, while in 2013 it increased to 53.

Faced with a lack of public policy to isolate and protect the phenomenon, in February 2013 Parliament approved a reform of the Penal Code which classifies femicide as a crime with severe penalties and sanctions with up to 40 years of prison. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 30/04/2014)