

ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

November the 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It was started by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. The UN asked governments, international organizations and NGOs to raise global awareness of this terrible and widespread problem. This is particularly important in the many countries where the issue of violence against women is hidden. Women all over the world are the victims of domestic violence, rape, psychological torment and other forms of abuse. There is no country in which women are free from violence. The UN said violence against women is a barrier to achieving equality, human rights, development and peace.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed on November 25 because of a horrific historical event. On this day in 1960, three sisters were brutally killed in the Dominican Republic. The Mirabal sisters were political activists. They campaigned against the corrupt government of that time. Throughout their political activity, the women and their husbands were put in prison and beaten many times. This did not dampen their desire for political change. President and dictator Rafael Trujillo ordered their execution. The sisters became known as the "Unforgettable Butterflies". They symbolized the victimization of women and were commemorated in novels, poems, songs and books.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. It was started | a. violence |
| 2. raise global | b. important |
| 3. particularly | c. from violence |
| 4. victims of domestic | d. by the United Nations |
| 5. free | e. equality |
| 6. barrier to achieving | f. awareness |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. observed | a. activists |
| 2. brutally | b. prison |
| 3. political | c. desire |
| 4. put in | d. on November 25 |
| 5. dampen their | e. novels |
| 6. commemorated in | f. killed |

LISTENING GAP FILL

November the 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. _____ United Nations General Assembly in 1999. The UN asked governments, international organizations and _____ global awareness of this terrible and widespread problem. This is particularly important in the many countries _____ violence against women is hidden. Women all over the world are the victims of domestic violence, rape, psychological torment and _____. There is no country in which women are _____. The UN said violence against women is a _____ equality, human rights, development and peace.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed on November 25 because of a _____. On this day in 1960, three sisters were _____ the Dominican Republic. The Mirabal sisters were political activists. They campaigned _____ government of that time. Throughout their political activity, the women and their husbands were _____ beaten many times. This did not dampen their desire for political change. President and dictator Rafael Trujillo _____. The sisters became known as the "Unforgettable Butterflies". They symbolized _____ women and were commemorated in novels, poems, songs and books.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

It was _____ by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. The UN asked governments, international organizations and NGOs to raise _____ awareness of this terrible and _____ problem. This is particularly important in the many countries where the _____ of violence against women is _____. Women all over the world are the victims of domestic violence, rape, psychological torment and other _____ of abuse. There is no country in which women are _____ from violence. The UN said violence against women is a _____ to achieving equality, human rights, development and peace.

hidden

global

free

issue

started

barrier

widespread

forms

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is _____ on November 25 because of a horrific historical _____. On this day in 1960, three sisters were _____ killed in the Dominican Republic. The Mirabal sisters were political activists. They campaigned against the _____ government of that time. Throughout their political _____, the women and their husbands were put in prison and _____ many times. This did not dampen their _____ for political change. President and dictator Rafael Trujillo ordered their execution. The sisters became known as the "Unforgettable Butterflies". They _____ the victimization of women and were commemorated in novels, poems, songs and books.

beaten

observed

brutally

activity

symbolized

event

desire

corrupt

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

November the 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It was *starting / started* by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. The UN asked governments, international organizations and NGOs to *raise / rise* global awareness of this terrible and widespread problem. This is particularly important in the *many / most* countries where the issue *of / for* violence against women is *hidden / hid*. Women all over the world are the victims of domestic violence, rape, psychological torment and other *form / forms* of abuse. There is no country in which women are *freely / free* from violence. The UN said violence against women is a barrier to achieving equality, human rights, development and *peaceful / peace*.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed on November 25 because of a *horror / horrific* historical event. On this day in 1960, three sisters were *brutally / brutality* killed in the Dominican Republic. The Mirabal sisters were *politics / political* activists. They campaigned *against / anti* the corrupt government of that time. Throughout their political activity, the women and their husbands were put *on / in* prison and beaten many times. This did not dampen their desire *for / by* political change. President and dictator Rafael Trujillo ordered their execution. The sisters became known *was / as* the "Unforgettable Butterflies". They symbolized the victimization of women and were *commemoration / commemorated* in novels, poems, songs and books.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

November the 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It (1) _____ started by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. The UN asked governments, international organizations and NGOs to (2) _____ global awareness of this (3) _____ and widespread problem. This is particularly important in the many countries where the issue of violence against women is (4) _____. Women all over the world are the victims of domestic violence, rape, psychological torment and other (5) _____ of abuse. There is no country in which women are free from violence. The UN said violence against women is a barrier (6) _____ achieving equality, human rights, development and peace.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed on November 25 (7) _____ of a horrific historical event. On this day in 1960, three sisters were brutally (8) _____ in the Dominican Republic. The Mirabal sisters were political activists. They campaigned against the corrupt government of (9) _____ time. Throughout their political activity, the women and their husbands were put in prison and beaten many times. This did not dampen their desire (10) _____ political change. President and dictator Rafael Trujillo ordered their execution. The sisters became (11) _____ as the "Unforgettable Butterflies". They (12) _____ the victimization of women and were commemorated in novels, poems, songs and books.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) as | (b) has | (c) were | (d) was |
| 2. | (a) raise | (b) rise | (c) up | (d) high |
| 3. | (a) terrifying | (b) terrified | (c) terrible | (d) terrify |
| 4. | (a) hide | (b) hidden | (c) hid | (d) hiding |
| 5. | (a) forms | (b) form | (c) formed | (d) formation |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) on | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) because | (b) due | (c) so | (d) that |
| 8. | (a) killing | (b) killers | (c) killed | (d) kill |
| 9. | (a) then | (b) those | (c) which | (d) that |
| 10. | (a) from | (b) for | (c) so | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) knowing | (b) known | (c) knew | (d) knows |
| 12. | (a) symbol | (b) symbolic | (c) symbolized | (d) cymbals |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. rdatest by the United Nations
2. eiars global awareness
3. ismctiv of domestic violence
4. other forms of eubsa
5. a bairerr
6. human hrstgi

Paragraph 2

7. bvereosd on November 25
8. historical netve
9. luyrabtI killed
10. rtoucrp government
11. political cheang
12. commemorated in vnlose

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () violence, rape, psychological torment and other forms of abuse. There is no country in
- () global awareness of this terrible and widespread problem. This is particularly important in the many
- () by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. The UN asked governments, international organizations and NGOs to raise
- (**1**) International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed on November 25 because of a horrific
- () countries where the issue of violence against women is hidden. Women all over the world are the victims of domestic
- () historical event. On this day in 1960, three sisters were brutally killed in the Dominican Republic. The Mirabal sisters
- () which women are free from violence. The UN said violence against women is a
- () barrier to achieving equality, human rights, development and peace.
- () November the 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It was started
- () execution. The sisters became known as the "Unforgettable Butterflies". They symbolized
- () activity, the women and their husbands were put in prison and beaten many
- () were political activists. They campaigned against the corrupt government of that time. Throughout their political
- () the victimization of women and were commemorated in novels, poems, songs and books.
- () times. This did not dampen their desire for political change. President and dictator Rafael Trujillo ordered their

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. started United Assembly was the General It by Nations.

2. Awareness problem widespread and terrible this of.

3. women against Violence hidden is.

4. and forms abuse Torment other of.

5. is barrier Violence women a against.

6. a historical of horrific event Because.

7. were sisters Three killed brutally.

8. against corrupt campaigned the government They.

9. in Put times many beaten and prison.

10. women They the of symbolized victimization.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SURVEY

Write five questions about Elimination of Violence Against Women in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Elimination of Violence Against Women. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Elimination of Violence Against Women. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Elimination of Violence Against Women. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.