

As a matter of fact...

United Nations observer Angela Masithela said the Goldstone Commission should investigate the increasing violence against women. Speaking at an International Women's Day rally in

Alexandra, Masithela also said the National Peace Committee should recognise the vital role of women in the peace process and must broaden women's participation in the committee.

An official of a Johannesburg assurance company is under investigation for demanding sex from women who applied for loans. The official told the women they would get the loan if they had sex with him. The company says it will not take action until the investigation is completed.

Zimbabwe's ambassador to Geneva has been accused by parliamentarians of demanding sexual favours from female officers in return for promotions or better job situations. The MPs demanded he resign from his position.

I am a woman
and if I live
I fight and
if I fight
I contribute to
the Liberation
of all women
and so victory
is born even in
the darkest hours



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showed Tabet beating women and girls and forcing them to have sex with him. Ten other senior police officers in his department were jailed for between 3 and 18 years.

Serbian military troops controlled a large part of Bosnia

The fight over whether abortion should be legal in the United States of America took a tragic turn when an anti-abortion protester murdered a doctor outside a clinic in Florida. 186 attacks on abortion clinics were reported in the USA last year and 27 in the first two months of this year.

Children as young as 12 are being sold into prostitution because clients fear catching AIDS from older prostitutes - so said human rights campaigners at an international conference held in Brussels.

A senior Moroccan police officer, Haj Mohamed Mustapha Tabet, was sentenced to death after being convicted of rape, kidnapping, violence and assault on women for sexual orgies he held with co-workers. The court watched 118 pornographic videos which

Herzegovina by the end of 1992. The troops have undertaken a so-called "ethnic cleansing" operation by killing Muslim citizens of Bosnia Herzegovina in what has become a bloody civil war. Muslim women, including very young girls, have been tortured, raped and sometimes killed. This is still going on. A feminist group called Tresnjevka has collected two hundred testimonies of Muslim women prisoners who managed to escape the 'rape-death' camps. They said Serbian soldiers told them they would be raped until they became pregnant and would bear ethnic Serbian children. In March this year, a Croatian court sentenced two men to death after they were found guilty of war crimes. The two Serbian soldiers admitted to killing, raping and torturing Muslim women and men, saying they were following orders from senior officers.

Information from local and international publications