

Tonic B: Preventing violent riots on women's movements



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INTRODUCTION

The main goal of UN Women is to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women, its main purpose is for women to have the same opportunities that men have. UN Women works to develop standards and to create a place in which every woman can have a guarantee of respect for human rights and make sure women and girls rights are respected.

UN Women's objective is to prioritize women's equality. UN Women works with United Nations and different organizations to promote the creation of legislation to protect women and girls around the world. It works with governments and civil society to design and implement laws, policies, programmes and services to allow women and girls to claim their rights and expand their opportunities.

PROBLEM

A riot is considered a violent offence against public order, and includes a group of people that gather up for an illegal purpose.

Women riots began a long time ago, they were led by women in Calabar and Owerri in southeastern Nigeria provinces. In December 1929 it became best known as the "Aba Women's Riots of 1929" or as the "Women's War". The roots of the riots grew in January 1st, 1914, when the first Nigerian colonial governor, Lord Lugard, instituted a system of

indirect rule in Southern Nigeria. It all started when thousands of Igbo women organized a massive riot against British colonial policies, this war took months to be put down by the government and it became a historic example for women.

Nowadays most riots are caused by the rise of violence against women. For example a large number of women from South Africa took over the streets this September 5th. They were protesting because the government has failed to deal with violence against women, but it ended up in brutal attacks that shocked the country.

In America one of the most recent violent women riots was in Mexico City. On August 16th, there were protests against women violence, La Glorieta de los Insurgentes was the meeting point for hundreds of women that gathered up through social networks to protest the recent violent acts against women in Mexico City. Hooded women in their way destroyed crystals from the Insurgentes Metrobús station and assaulted passers-by and reporters who were covering the protest. They also vandalized some historic monuments and one of the most important streets of the city. This protest shocked the country due to the violence displayed.

CONCLUSION

Violent riots attract much attention from the world. UN Women would like you to start addressing this topic as soon and as effectively as possible. We recommend these possible solutions :

- Create a commission or committee to create links between the government and protesting associations to ensure they are heard before the need for protest arises.
- Promote awareness of women's rights.

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