



PCAWA
PEEL COMMITTEE AGAINST WOMEN ABUSE

WE COUNT
FEMICIDE
BECAUSE...



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: Femicides in Brampton

October 5, 2023. Peel Region - The Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA) is incredibly saddened and outraged to share that on Monday October 2nd Rania Badran, 46, was murdered in Brampton by her husband. PCAWA sends our deepest condolences to her family, friends and community.

Femicide is on the rise in Peel Region. This is the 7th femicide that has been connected to the Region of Peel in 2023, compared to 4 femicides in all of 2022. PCAWA is incredibly concerned for the safety of women and gender-diverse individuals in our community. This rising trend demands our attention and action.

As intimate-partner violence and gender-based violence has been declared an epidemic in 56 municipalities across the province, including the Region of Peel, the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon, we know that femicide is not an isolated incident but the results of systemic inequities and patriarchal systems that condone, normalize and encourage acts of violence towards women and gender-diverse individuals. It is a systemic public health issue being experienced across the province at an alarming rate.

The [Government of Canada has now recognized that gender-based violence is an epidemic in Canada](#), however, our provincial leaders still refuse to listen to the call of communities and advocates across the province to do the same. We are calling out to our provincial leaders for leadership, support and solidarity and instead we are being met with inaction. As community organizations work tirelessly to support survivors and keep people safe, stretching the inadequate resources they do have available, it is frustrating to be met with this kind of inaction from our political leaders.

We continue to await an agreement from the federal and provincial government on implementing the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence in Ontario. However, the timeline of these negotiations don't reflect the urgency of the matter and the calls from community organizations, survivors and advocates. ***We need support NOW.*** According to the current trends, every week we wait, another person will be killed in a femicide in this province.

WE COUNT FEMICIDE BECAUSE:

- Indigenous, Black and 2SLGBTQ+ women, girls, gender-diverse individuals and women with disabilities are at increased risk and experience disproportionate levels of gender-based violence.
- Every life lost to femicide tears a hole in the fabric of our communities. We honour their lives and commit to making changes to prevent future femicides.
- Naming men's violence as the problem is part of the change we need to make as a society. We can't change it if we can't name it.
- For every femicide, there are more survivors who are not safe in their homes, workplaces and communities. We can do more to reach out and support them. We can engage their intimate partners, family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances to end the violence.

WE CAN CHANGE THE OUTCOMES

There is no urgent commitment to prevention in Ontario or Canada. For 20 years domestic homicide death reviews have provided recommendations that can move us toward prevention. It is time to review our progress and invest in the evidence to see stronger social returns. There are successes to build on. There are experts and advocates in every community who can help.

WE MUST DO BETTER

Most femicides are preventable. ***We Count Femicide Because...*** is intended to mark the tragic loss of each life, to raise a public alarm and to engage everyone in working together toward prevention. Professionals, coworkers, neighbours, friends and family members can learn to recognize the warning signs and how to respond safely and supportively. It is a call to action to prevent future deaths. Ask us what you can do to contribute.

Education is a key part of prevention and PCAWA has created a series of resources to support these prevention efforts. The [GBV Allyship Resource](#) outlines tangible ways to get involved in GBV advocacy, and the [Understanding Femicide Infographic](#) provides education and information on femicide. Both of these resources are available on the PCAWA website.

PCAWA also has training opportunities available on the Enhanced Gender-Based Violence Protocol for the Region of Peel. This training is available to all community members and will provide you with information on how to best support survivors and respond to disclosures of gender-based violence. Please contact Rebecca Pacheco at rebeccap@embrave.ca to schedule this training.

If you would like to join the PCAWA mailing list to receive newsletters and updates on events and advocacy efforts email rebeccap@embrave.ca

If you are a survivor of violence in need of support, please contact Embrave: Agency to End Violence's 24-hour Crisis Line at 905-403-0864 or 1-855-676-8515. You can also seek support from any of the PCAWA member agencies. Visit their website at www.pcawa.net for more information. **Remember that you are not alone. We are here if you need us.**

You can find a link to a related media article here:

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/man-charged-with-second-degree-murder-in-wife-s-death-in-brampton-1.6588858>

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