



Kosova Women's Network

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Forget Flowers: Women Call for Justice for War-Raped Women on 8 March

Citizens will demonstrate in front of the National Theatre in Prishtina at noon on 8 March with the motto: "Forget Flowers: We Want Justice for Women Raped during the War."

Thirteen years after the war in Kosova women who were raped still have not received the justice they deserve. There has yet to be a single conviction for this heinous crime perpetrated against hundreds of women during the war in 1998 and 1999. These women deserve respect and support from governmental institutions and civil society.

Rather than giving flowers to the women they love and respect, the Kosova Women's Network (KWN) calls upon fellow citizens to stand up and demand justice for the many women for whom justice has been blind. The protest will call upon the Government of Kosova to acknowledge the crime that was committed against women and to provide them with legal protection equivalent to that received by men who suffered war crimes.

The Kosova Women's Network is a network that advocates on behalf of more than 80 women's organizations of all ethnic groups from throughout Kosova. KWN supports, protects and promotes the rights and interests of women and girls throughout Kosova, regardless of their political beliefs, religion, age, level of education, sexual orientation and ability. KWN fulfills its mission through the exchange of experience and information; partnership and networking; research; advocacy; and service.