

Nigeria reports surge in domestic abuse during virus lockdown



Abuja, June 16 (RHC)-- Nigeria's police chief said the country had seen a sharp increase in cases of rape and domestic abuse of women during coronavirus lockdowns.

"It has come to the public knowledge now that because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we have a surge in cases of rape and gender-based violence," Inspector General of Police Mohammed Adamu told reporters in the capital Abuja.

"From January-May 2020, we have recorded about 717 rape incidents that were reported across the country", he said, adding that 799 suspects have been arrested.

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