

Honduras reports murder of three women in 24 hours

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More than 50 percent of women die from gunshot wounds inflicted by their attackers. | Photo: EFE

Tegucigalpa, January 5 (RHC)-- Authorities of the National Police of Honduras have reported the murder of three women in the last 24 hours in different points of the Central American country.

María Felicita Gómez was attacked with a machete in the department of Lempira; Carmen, was shot to death allegedly by her husband in the department of Colón and Karina Melissa Rodríguez, died at the hands of a man inside a natural medicine store in the department of Copán.

Gómez's body was found by her relatives inside her home, with wounds in various parts of her body, according to a preliminary report by the Honduran police.

The Honduran police declared that it is investigating the three crimes, the causes of which are unknown at the moment, and no suspects have been arrested.

The year 2022 was a violent year for women in Honduras, as the nation counted around 300 violent deaths of women, according to official figures. Ninety-five percent of the cases of murdered women remain unpunished in Honduras due to poor investigation.

In a ten-year period, between 2002 and 2022, more than 7,400 women died violently in Honduras, which means an average of one victim every 24 hours, according to Conadeh figures. More than 50 percent of the women die as a result of firearm wounds used by their aggressors, mostly unknown persons.

Honduras pledged in March 2022 to prevent and end violence against women and girls in the country.

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