

Protests across the U.S. call for end to anti-Asian violence

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Atlanta, March 22 (RHC)-- Protesters took to the streets of cities across the United States over the weekend to condemn racism and hate crimes against Asian Americans, following last week's deadly shooting in Atlanta which killed eight people, six of them women of Asian descent.

The names of all the victims have been released: Xiaojie Tan, Yong Ae Yue, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Suncha Kim, Hyun Jung Grant, Soon Chung Park, Daoyou Feng and Paul Andre Michels. Elcias Hernandez Ortiz, who survived the shooting, is in hospital in critical condition.

In New York, community leaders and elected officials gathered for a vigil Friday evening. Jeehae Fischer of the Korean American Family Service Center spoke at the rally: "These women are our mothers, our aunties, our sisters, our daughters, our loved ones. So, stop beating us! Stop cursing at us! Stop stabbing us! Stop killing us! Stop Asian hate!" And stop telling us 'Go back to China.' We belong here."

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