

Uruguay counts 19 femicides so far this year

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Montevideo, July 20 (RHC)-- The group Femicidios Uruguay reports that the country has 19 femicides in the first half of 2022, a figure that exceeds the reports of the previous year.

The monitoring warns that there was an increase of six cases of scourges to women due to gender with respect to the previous year, so they demand a statement from the authorities.

Femicidios Uruguay condemned the government of Luis Lacalle Pou who considers this cause of death as "sentimental problems" which hinders the justice process. This group was created by social communicator and researcher Helena Suarez in 2014 and is responsible for recording the "violent deaths of women for gender reasons, women from different parts of the country, of different ages, with different stories and life plans" through media monitoring.

"The work of making femicides visible as such and not simply as murders of women makes us try to understand what kind of solutions we can find to this problem," explained the also master in Gender, Media and Culture and Social Science Research.

In the report that Feminicidios Uruguay has just published, the names of the victims and the location of the events are detailed, which pointed out that 19 of the cases happened in Montevideo.

It takes into account not only the murders of women by their partners or exes, but also those provoked by children, parents and other people, unlike the State that only considers femicides crimes associated with partners and that have been legally judged.

According to the United Nations (UN), despite the macroeconomic development of this country, it is among those with the highest rate of "death of women caused by their intimate partner or ex-partner" of the Observatory of Gender Equality in Latin America of ECLAC.

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