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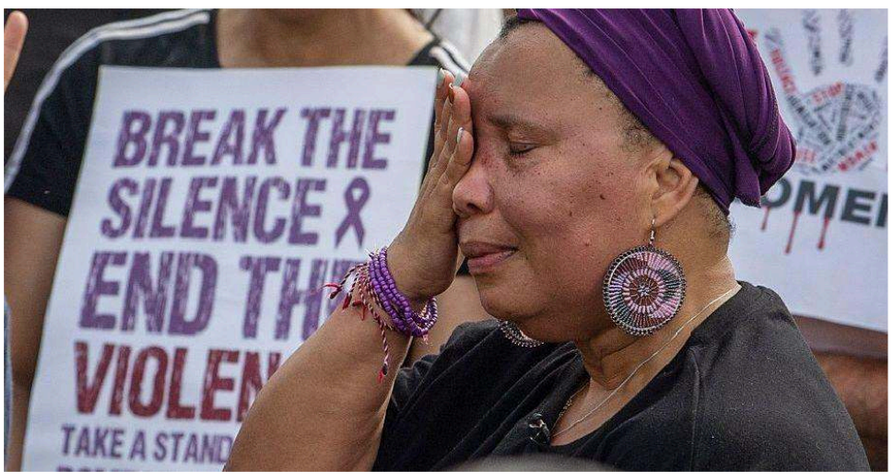
CHENNAI – 21 Nov, 2026 The country's latest crime statistics show that nearly 600 women were killed in South Africa between July and September this year.

This number includes 13 women, whose half-naked, injured bodies were dumped in public places in and around Johannesburg.

These murders sparked widespread outrage nationwide, and the police faced intense pressure to apprehend the perpetrators in a country known for having one of the highest rates of gender-based violence and homicide in the world.

In the latest shocking murder incident, five women and a small child were shot dead in the Free State Province earlier this week.

The latest crime statistics released on Friday show that 581 women were killed in the country between July and September, 131 of them in Gauteng Province, which includes



Johannesburg.

The same statistics show a slight decrease in the number of homicides.

The police reported 5,590 murders, which is 204 fewer than the same period last year. This still averages about 60 murders per day.

It is unclear whether the number of women killed has increased or decreased, as the police recently stopped providing these numbers, citing "significant discrepancies" in the statistics.