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THE ISSUE OF RAPE IN OUR SOCIETY

Rape is a type of sexual assault involving sexual intercourse or other forms of sexual penetration carried out against a person without that person’s consent. The act may be carried out by physical force, coercion, abuse of authority, or against a person who is incapable of giving valid consent, such as one who is unconscious, incapacitated, has an intellectual disability or is below the legal age of consent. The term rape is sometimes used interchangeably with the term sexual assault.

Now the real promotion of ‘’rape culture’’ is stating rape is inevitable. It is when violence is seen as sexy, and stating rape is just a part of human nature. Its stating ``boys will be boys’’ in reference to men taking advantage of girls at parties.

Stop wasting time and energy attacking school dress codes, instead attack this awful culture that makes it a norm for men to take advantage of women. Teach your children to respect each other. Most importantly realize rape doesn’t just happen to women, it also to happens to men.

The rise in rape cases in Nigeria is scary, worrisome and an ugly phenomenon, especially the sexual abuse and exploitation of minors. It is becoming clearer that we’re not just fighting the coronavirus pandemic but also the rape epidemic that is happening upon the COVID-19 pandemic.

Protesters have taken to the streets in cities across Nigeria to demand urgent action to combat rape and sexual violence against women. In Lagos on a certain Monday, a coalition of rights group marched to the state parliament calling for it to declare a state of emergency on rape and sexual violence.

The march followed the gruesome death of 22-year-old student Uwaila Vera Omozuwa and the rape and killing less than a week later of another student, Barakat Bello. University student Omozuwa died after she was attacked in a church in Benin city where she had gone to study on May 27, while Bello was raped and killed in a robbery in her home in the southwestern city of Ibadan on June 1.

On 26th of June, the Katsina Police Command reported arrests of 40 suspected rapists within this period of COVID-19 lockdown, between April and June, 2020. The Akwa-Ibom Police Command in a press briefing, informed the public about how they’ve arrested within seven days another pastor and 11 others for rape and defilement on the 24th of June.