

One of the hidden human rights scandals of our times is violence against women, whether in war torn situations like Darfur where a rape has been used as a weapon against women and girls or in peace time situations, even in a country like the United States where indigenous communities are less likely to find justice for sexual violence. At the same time we have seen a women's human rights movement develop, we have seen activists take up some of these issues but they are also coming under pressure and it is time governments gave more attention and more resources to eradicating this human rights scandal.