

## **Guyanese Women Against Violence Everywhere**

**2003**

“When last anyone see anything, with the word Guyana on it, that people have signed on to, across race, across class, across gender, across age, across national borders, even Caribbean academics and artists? Or the responses from chutney singer, Terry Gajraj, saying he really wants to help, or the Mighty Sparrow saying to sign him up, to Rikki Jai saying that we should sign him up and that he and Black Stalin are working on songs that addresses some of these issues in Trinidad, to some Caribbean artistes letting us know if we come up with lyrics they will contribute their talents and come up with a song, to Trinidadian DJ’s saying they want to join the list too, to Guyanese everywhere offering to contribute money for full page advertisements? Perhaps elsewhere in the Caribbean people will not only sign on, but take example in their own situations.

And finally, we may think it is symbolic, or can’t come to anything. But look what does happen when you put a bunch of educated people together (and yes, I include myself here), we does pontificate, we does quarrel, baby party does bruk up, we does talk and talk and talk.....and over 30 people already murdered in Guyana for 2003. Someday we may say nothing much came of this, but for now, a strategy whereby you choose what I call ‘the lowest common denominator’ (and that was just to say if you agree that the killing must stop NOW, then sign on) to get Black, Indian, and Amerindian, rich and poor, man and woman to sign on, is a good strategy. If we don’t do this, and we immediately start instead by putting forward positions or reasons why the violence happening, then the can buss open, Rishee cussing Josiah, Josiah cussing Rishee and we don’t move forward.

If we can generate some generosity of spirit with this, we have done a lot.

The women in Guyana are not speaking. They are acting. We are near the bottom. How much does it take to give them the benefit of the doubt, place some of that little bit of hope you have left in what they are doing, and have just a little faith.” *Alissa Trotz*

**Many Signed onto the ADs that were placed in Newspapers in Guyana. The AD heading read:**

**We, the undersigned are writing to express our collective horror at the violence in Guyana, and to register our solidarity with the women of Guyana who, by coming out to the Cenotaph in Georgetown on Friday January 24th and 31st, 2003, are courageously taking a public stand against this madness. They do this in all our names. STOP ALL THE KILLINGS.....NOW!!**

**Signed,**

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Aileen Thomasson  
Alesia Ferguson, Stanford University  
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[Alissa Trotz, University of Toronto](#)  
Aliyah Khan  
Allana Persaud, Guyana  
Allison Butters-Grant  
Allison Lindner  
Alvina Rambarran  
Amlata Persaud  
Anastasia Persaud  
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Andy Ninvalle  
Angela Osborne  
Angie Rose, Helsinki, Finland  
Ann Munroe  
Ann O'Brien  
Anthony Cummings  
Anthony Persaud, Marketing Director, World Financial Group  
Anthony S Persaud and family  
Antoinette Bacchus  
Ariane Mangar  
Arnold Itwaru, University of Toronto  
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Asafa George  
Ashmid Ali, Civil Engineer  
Association of Artists & Writers Inc. in New York  
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Aubrey Woon-A-Tai  
Audrey Cyrus  
Audrey Lilloo-Fraser  
Audrey Bobb  
Ayanna Kambui, Washington DC  
Ayanna Wickham  
Ayenni Dougan-McKenzie

Ayodele Browne  
Azad Mohamed  
Azad Shaheed Toronto, Canada  
Azar Ali  
Azar S. Ali  
B. Prashad  
Barbara Thomas-Holder  
Basil Lucas  
Bernard Heydorn, Novelist, Canada  
Bonnie Singh  
Bernice Walmesley Scarborough Ont.  
Bert Haitsma  
Beverly Conway, El Salvador  
Bibi S. Sultan  
Black Stalin, Calypsonian, Trinidad and Tobago  
Bob Singh  
[Brad Tafa Hemmings of Afiwi.com, Miami](#)  
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Brenda Chester DoHarris, Bowie State University  
Brian Meeks, University of the West Indies, Mona  
Bridgit Antoinette Evans The Venus Project New York City  
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Camille McKenzie  
Camille Willock  
Candace Walcott-Shepherd, NJ  
Candice Ramessar  
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Carmen Barclay Subryan Howard University  
Carmen Outridge  
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Cary Fraser, Pennsylvania State University  
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Cathryn Jackson  
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Cavelle Lynch, University of Warwick, UK  
Cecelia Dolphin  
Cecilia Green, University of Pittsburgh  
Cecilia Rose, Geneva Switzerland  
Centime Zeleke, York University  
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Clinton Ritchie  
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Colin Cholmondeley, Mustard Seed Communities/ROOTS FMJamaica  
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Debra Gibson- Welch  
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Denise Dias  
Denise Holder  
Denise Robinson  
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Desa Calder  
Desiree Gomes  
Desrey Fox, Rice University  
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Devina Sharma  
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Fedora Galasso  
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Francesca Pires  
Frank Henry, Artist, Canada  
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Gilbert Campbell  
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Gina Singh  
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Gordon Watson  
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Hubert Devonish, University of the West Indies, Mona

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Ivor Ramroop  
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Jewel Whinfield  
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Joan McCloggan  
Joan T. Seymour  
Joan-Ann Gravesande  
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John Rickford, Stanford University  
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Joyce Ramsbick, Ryerson University, Toronto  
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Judy Butters  
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June Gibson  
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K.K. Bhagwandin  
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Kamal Singh-Matthews, Artist, UK  
Kamala Kempadoo, York University  
Kamau Bobb  
Kampta Karran, University of Warwick, UK  
Karen Abrams Atlanta  
Karen Alexander

Karen Jardim  
Karen Sutherland  
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Leon Christian, Guyanese. Atlanta  
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Leslie Nedd  
Linda Peake, York University  
Linden F. Lewis, Bucknell University  
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Lisa Shadir  
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Makeda Burton  
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Malaika Cummings

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Malcolm Robinson  
Marc C. Arthur  
Marc Matthews, Poet/Storyteller, UK  
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Marcia Gomes  
Marcia Shury, Italy  
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Margot VigilanceMarieann Harvey  
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Marie Correia  
Marie Correia Marissa Williams  
Marilyn Baird  
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May-Lou Prince, Guyanese, New York  
McDougall, Farida  
Megan Grant-Gravesande  
Melanie Newton, University of Toronto  
Melissa Pollard  
Melissa Yearwood  
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Michael Bobb  
Michael Earl Lambert  
Michelle Bolin  
Michelle DeAbreu, Maryland  
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Richard Drayton, Cambridge University  
Ricky Rampertab  
Rikki Jai, Calypsonian, Trinidad and Tobago  
Rishee S. Thakur/University of Guyana/Berbice campus  
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Rocky Fraser  
Rohan Sooklall  
Rohilda Goodluck  
Rohit Coonjah, Engineer, Guyana  
Roianne Nedd-Waldron  
Rolston Osborne  
Ron Bobb-Semple  
Ronette Carr  
Rosalind Hintzen Baptiste  
Roshini Kempadoo  
Roslyn Baichoo  
Roy Sears  
Rozanna Ali Beaumont  
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Ruth White, Seattle University  
Ruth-Anne Lynch  
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