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Breaking News English - The Mini Lesson

France to try and end violence against women

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French President Emmanuel Macron has started a new project to try and bring an end violence against women. The project aims to educate the public and schoolchildren about sexism and violence against women. It will also improve police support for victims of

domestic violence. President Macron spoke about the project on Saturday, which International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The new project has many aims. One aim is to teach school children about pornography. A second goal is to make it easier for rape and assault victims to go to the police. Another plan is to introduce stronger laws against harassing people in the street.

President Macron has made reducing violence against women one of his main projects. During his speech, he observed a minute's silence for the 123 women killed by their husband or ex-husband in 2016. One woman is killed in France every three days. Mr Macron said: "France should no longer be one of those countries where women live in fear." Fewer than one woman in five goes to the police to report violence against them. Macron said: "Criminals who harass, insult, touch, or attack women must be identified and brought to justice." Macron's speech comes at a time when a growing number of powerful men in Hollywood, business, politics and the media face charges of sexual assault.

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What three things can your country do to reduce domestic violence? Would they work?



Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

project / violence / educate / victims / aims / pornography / assault / police / laws / speech / a minute's silence / living in fear / criminals / harass / justice / powerful men

True / False

- The project will educate schoolchildren about violence against women. T / F
- The French president said he would increase b) police support. T / F
- President Macron wants to educate schoolchildren about pornography. T/F
- d) The president does not want to change harassment laws. T / F
- In 2016, 123 women were killed by husbands e) or ex-husbands in France. T / F
- f) A woman is killed in France every day in France, T/F
- The French president said women in France should live in fear. T / F
- h) The article said no men in Hollywood are facing sexual assault charges. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- started
- 2. educate
- allegations b.

upgrade

- improve
- strategy C.
- 4. aims
- d. decreasing
- plan 5.
- e. teach
- reducing
- f. bother
- 7. main
- began / begun g.
- 8. harass
- h. most important
- identified
- i. goals
- 10. charges
- j. recognized

Discussion - Student A

- a) How much domestic violence is there in your country?
- b) How can we stop domestic violence?
- c) Why is there so much domestic violence?
- d) How does domestic violence harm society?
- e) What should we teach children about violence against women?
- f) Why don't women go to the police?
- What should happen to people who are g) violent?
- Will Emmanuel Macron's plans work? h)

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- 1. Who is the French president?
- 2. What does this project aim to do?
- 3. What day was Saturday?
- 4. What are the aims of this project?
- 5. What did President Macron do during his speech? How often are women killed in France? How many women go to the police to report violence?
- 6.Do you feel safe in Korea? (Why or why not?) How can we make women safer?
- 7. What's domestic violence? Why don't women go to the police more?
- 8.What's the "m,e-too" movement? (what do you think of it?)
- 9. What should we do about domestic violence?