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Women and kids are under siege

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MPs YESTERDAY called for tougher punishment for those who killed women.

Good Party leader and Public Works Minister Patricia de Lille said: "Our women and children are under siege and South Africa is in a vicious war against them.

"Last week in Women's Parliament, I

named a list of women who were brutally killed by men in recent weeks and it's growing. At the time, we knew about the disappearance of Uy-inene Mrwetyana but we



Patricia De Lille wants women killers to rot in jail.

Photo by Misheck Makora

all hoped her name would never be added to the list."

De Lille said women killers could be anyone and society had to tackle the problem.

"The solution is not going to come from government alone. We need to mobilise an army of South Africans to stand up against this scourge," she said.

De Lille proposed that the law be changed to make femicide a life sentence crime.

NFP MP Ahmed Shaik Emam called for the death penalty to be brought back.

"The NFP four years ago called for the death penalty in the case of serious and violent crimes and the response from then president Jacob Zuma was that it's inhumane.

"We wrote asking if it was humane to take the life of an innocent person but we didn't get a response," he said.

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