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OUR HUSBANDS TAKE OUR CARS, SALARIES AND SPEND IT WITH GIRLFRIENDS: HON NHARI

HON. VAIRET NHARI: Thank you Mr Speaker, I want to add a few words on the issue of violence even members of Parliament we suffer from domestic violence.

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HON. NHARI: If I am given a motor vehicle, and take it to the constituency, the husband will deny me the use of that vehicle saying he is the one who permitted me to go to Parliament.

HON. NHARI: So, you must not use the car and female Members of Parliament will end up using public transport to conduct Parliament business. The husbands take our salaries and spend it on beer and girlfriends.

HON. NHARI: That is abuse and children that grow up in such families go into early marriages because of stress. The fight between the mother and father makes children sad and some will turn to drug abuse as well as prostitution.

HON. NHARI: Members of Parliament let us teach our people that they are some lawyers that offer services for free such as @ZimWomenLawyers and MUSASA. They can assist you if you are involved in domestic violence.

HON. NHARI: Majority of women do not want to lay charges because they feel they would be divorced by their husbands. Conjugal rights can also lead to separation or divorce.

HON. NHARI: We will have spent the day together in the fields and I will be saying I am tired and when he demands his conjugal rights and so domestic violence visits because you will have denied him conjugal rights.

HON. NHARI: Mr. Speaker, there are also women who abuse their husbands but the reasons why men do not report is that they are ashamed of reporting that they are being abused by their wives.

HON. NHARI: You will find that the man behaves like a fool because he will have to be subservient to the woman. Let us give people sufficient knowledge about the ills of domestic violence.

HON. NHARI: What it means and what it is all about is that they should be encouraged to go and lay charges when such incidences visits them, be they men, women or children. When a case is reported, it is done in such a way that parties can reconcile.

HON. NHARI: I would want to end by saying that there was a child that was being abused by the father who eventually raped the child. She reported the matter to the mother & she asked the child not to lay charges because if the father was to be incarcerated they were going to suffer

HON. NHARI: When they saw that the daughter had become pregnant, the parents ran away to South Africa & the home was destroyed. The children now have no one to look after. Those that are involved in domestic violence should be severely punished. With those few words, I thank you