

ample, advocates shooting gay men, dumping acid on them and setting them alight. Its lyrics include: "Boom bye bye/Inna batty bwoy head/Rude bwoy no promote no nasty man/Dem haffi dead/...Send fi di matic an/Di Uzi instead/Shoot dem no come if we shot dem/...Guy come near we/Then his skin must peel/Burn him up bad like an old tire wheel."



Jamaican singer Bounty Killer is banned from Guyana because of his lyrics promoting violence against gays.

crowd. Another crowd of approximately several hundred people surrounded GenderDoc-M office demanding that Pride participants exit the office. The office remained blocked for several hours."

All other Pride events were canceled.

Gay activists attempted to stage the march even though Mayor Dorin Chirtoaca had banned it "to avoid any tensions in society." He cited objections from religious people, schoolchildren, people posting on the Internet and others who "accuse sexual minorities of aggressiveness and violation of spiritual and moral values."

Chirtoaca's ban was illegal, under a 2007 Moldovan Supreme Court ruling that followed the city's ban of the 2006 parade. The court determined that GenderDoc-M's activities are legal and said it "considers unjustified the refusal of the Chisinau City Hall to authorize a march of solidarity by GenderDoc-M reasoning that it is a possible threat to the public order, as this motive is disproportional with the right to freedom of assembly, guaranteed by...the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms."

MIDEAST/AFRICA

Lesbian Soccer Player Murdered in South Africa

An openly lesbian member of South Africa's national women's soccer team was murdered late last month in Kwatema, east of Johannesburg.

Reports said Eudy Simelane, 31, was raped and stabbed by a gang of youths as she and friends returned home from a tavern. Five suspects were later taken into custody.

Carrie Shelper, a spokeswoman for People Opposed to Women Abuse, told the South African Broadcasting Corporation that the killing likely was "a homophobic hate crime" given that Simelane's lesbianism was well-known. Simelane was a midfielder for the national team, which is known as Banyana Banyana. 10

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EUROPE

Lesbos Residents Want Their Name Back

Three residents of the Greek island of Lesbos have filed suit in an attempt to reclaim the word "lesbian" and stop the group Homosexual and Lesbian Community of Greece from using it.

Gay women are believed to have adopted the word in memory of Sappho, a poet who lived on the island in the sixth century B.C. and wrote about love between women.

The plaintiffs claim the alleged theft of "lesbian" from the island's residents amounts to "psychological and moral rape." A spokeswoman from the group called the case "ridiculous," but an Athens court will hear the matter June 10.

Moldovan Pride Parade Thwarted by Violent Mob

The Gay Pride parade in Chisinau, Moldova, was canceled May 11 after a bus carrying the 60 marchers was halted by hundreds of screaming anti-gay protesters who tried to pry open the door, smash the windows and disable the engine.

Police stood by and watched for more than 45 minutes.

In the end, protest leaders boarded the bus and agreed to let it pass if the activists destroyed all their banners and flags and popped all their rainbow balloons. The activists did so as the homophobes cheered.

"After ceasing of all materials, the two men ordered to unblock the bus and let it go," said Boris Balanetkii, head of the Pride organizing group GenderDoc-M. "The bus headed towards GenderDoc-M office, followed by a car with members of the crowd. Participants left the office in dispersed groups on alert of possible repeated attack by the

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