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the 1989 montreal massacre. rabia is a medical secretary in the sexual assault and desk

violence care clinic at the hospital and placed one of the roses. >> it was very emotional seeing that so many things can happen with women, and you know, it's kind of you wonder why, how can this happen in this age and time? [] >> reporter: the commemoration here has been happening for more than three decades. this year had a special focus on



violence against trans women. research presented from a national survey showed more than one-third of trans women for forced or pressured to engaged in sexual activity while more than half had a partner that insulted, swore, or yelled at them. resilience is an important part of the story says the keynote speaker. >> yes, it happens, yes it's occurred, yes we face barriers, but it's not the whole picture. >> missing and murdered indigenous women and girls

-- >> reporter: over the pandemic gender-based violence worsened and became what some called the shadow pandemic. four additional rowses were placed in the vase to recognize missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, black women and girls, trans and nonbinary people, and one for all victims of violence. toronto mayor john tory and health minister sylvia jones helped light a candle following



a moment of silence following the hospital's ceo. >> the violence women and girls experience isn't just based on their gender. it is also exacerbated by racism, ableism, and transphobia. >> reporter: the hope of the ceremony is to draw attention to gender-based violence so it can be eliminated. beth macdonell, ctv news. >> zuraidah: a woman jabbed with a needle downtown over the weekend says her blood work as come back clean. she

was running andrews in yonge and college on sunday afternoon when someone bumped into her from behind, a

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