

Ambassador James P. Zumwalt
Flower-Laying at the Titina Silà Monument
Bissau
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Thank you for coming today

This flower-laying is a symbol of my respect for a well-loved and deeply-treasured heroine of Guinea-Bissau's struggle for independence

It is especially apt to come to Titina Silà's memorial during this week of International Women's Day

Titina Silà paid the ultimate price: with her life

She is a symbol of the great contributions that all Bissau-Guinean women have made to Guinea-Bissau -- as well as their potential to contribute to Guinea-Bissau's process of nationbuilding and ensuring democratic governance for their children and grandchildren

I was very impressed with the many Bissau-Guinean women representing an impressive variety of professions who participated in the parade on Sunday

I look forward to meeting and working with Bissau-Guinean women, and to discovering their views on the way forward to further Guinea-Bissau's development goals and the country's democratic process