

Press Release

Denmark's first fine for Niqab wearing women will only mobilize Muslims to hold on to Islamic Values even more !

On August 4, 2018, the BBC reported on the first Muslim woman to be fined in Denmark for wearing the face veil (Niqab) in a public place. "Danish parliament approved a bill in May 2018 to punish anyone wearing a full-face veil with a fine" (BBC, 31 May 2018). Currently the Law does not mention burkas and niqabs by name, but states, "Anyone who wears a garment that hides the face in public will be punished with a fine". The ban was scheduled to come into force in August 2018. On Friday the 3rd of August 2018 an 28 year old Muslim woman wearing the niqab in a public shopping mall in Horsholm, 25km (15 miles) north of Copenhagen, was violently attacked by another woman who objected to her dress and took it upon herself to forcibly remove the Islamic clothing. The police were called to the scene of the "fight" and upon reviewing the CCTV footage explained to the Muslim woman that she would be fined 1,000 kroner (\$155; £120) after refusing to take the Niqab off at police request. Currently the fine is increased tenfold to 10,000 kroner (\$1,500; £1,200) for repeat offenders.

The Women of Hizb ut Tahrir stand in complete solidarity with our dear oppressed sisters in Denmark who have been criminalized for practicing the very freedoms of self-determination and independent thought that are supposed to be the corner stones of Democracy and civilisation! The police findings prove that liberal democratic laws represent only a dangerous and hypocritical set of values that offers no real stability or security for people. The human indignity of being publicly attacked was in no way deemed to be a serious crime, rather the victim was made to face a double punishment as "both women were charged with violating the peace" whilst the Muslim woman faced the additional charge of "violating the full-face veil law" (when this law does not actually exist in literal terms!). In this example we can see the clear direct attack that has been made specifically against Muslim women and how democratic laws allows them to be legitimately targeted for hate crime and limits their social and political life on a daily basis. Denmark is only the test case for a pattern of human rights abuse disguised as "protecting freedom" that is the current global norm. These desperate measures of enacting defunct laws and fines only prove that the western political system is intellectually bankrupt and has lost all hope in selling its fraudulent vision of liberation to Muslim women. With the decades-long trial of liberal values and feminism only resulting in a multi-million plus strong #MeToo movement, Muslim women will only see more clearly than before that it is the Islamic Political system that holds the means for true dignity, opportunity and security for humans everywhere. The Danish government and its fellow international agents can increase their fines 100.000 times over only to find Muslim women ever ready to be repeat offenders in turning their backs on man made laws infinitely empowered to sacrifice all manner of worldly approval in obedience to Allah (swt) as the valid law maker can never be measured by any price. The Muslim rulers in our land are the ones who should be charged with the title of criminal cohorts in their deafening silence and sickening slavery to colonial rulers that organize the oppression of millions of Muslim women and children daily. We say to them all that your time is running out as Allah (swt) has always given suitable end to dictatorships that only know the leadership of brute force, lies and corruption. Allah (swt) the Creator of mankind understands the past, present and future of all things and gave clear guidance of how to perceive these great tests in our daily lives as Muslims. It is simple and over-rides every contradiction to Islamic laws; ﴿وَأَنْ اعْبُدُونِي هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ﴾ **"You should serve Me (ALLAH) this is the right way."** [36:61]

It is this singular pure vision that all Muslim women should be inspired by and it is this message that will be fully released in the return of the comprehensive Islamic ruling system, the Khilafah (Caliphate) that will no longer see decent respectable women criminalized but will identify and punish the true violators of public morals and decency in the correct manner without bias or malice.

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