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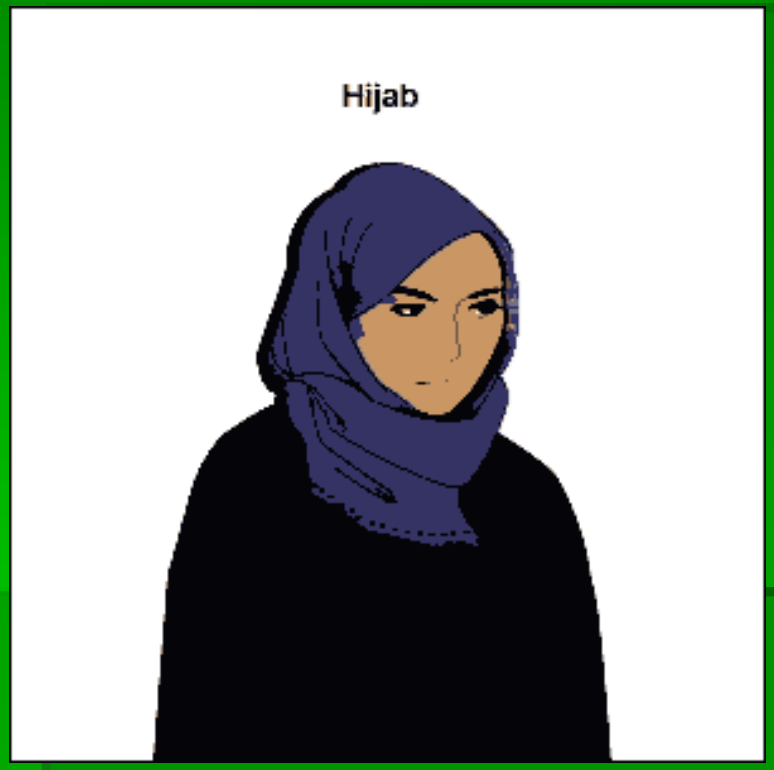
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- **The Koran, Islam's holy book, and treated as the literal word of God, tells Muslims - men and women - to dress modestly.**

- Male modesty has been interpreted to be covering the area from above the navel to below the knee - and for women it is generally seen as covering everything except their face, hands and feet when in the presence of men they are not related or married to.

Hijab



- The word hijab comes from the Arabic for veil and is used to describe the headscarves worn by Muslim women.
- These scarves, regarded by many Muslims as a symbol of both religion and womanhood, come in a myriad of styles and colours.
- The type most commonly worn in the West is a square scarf that covers the head and neck but leaves the face clear.



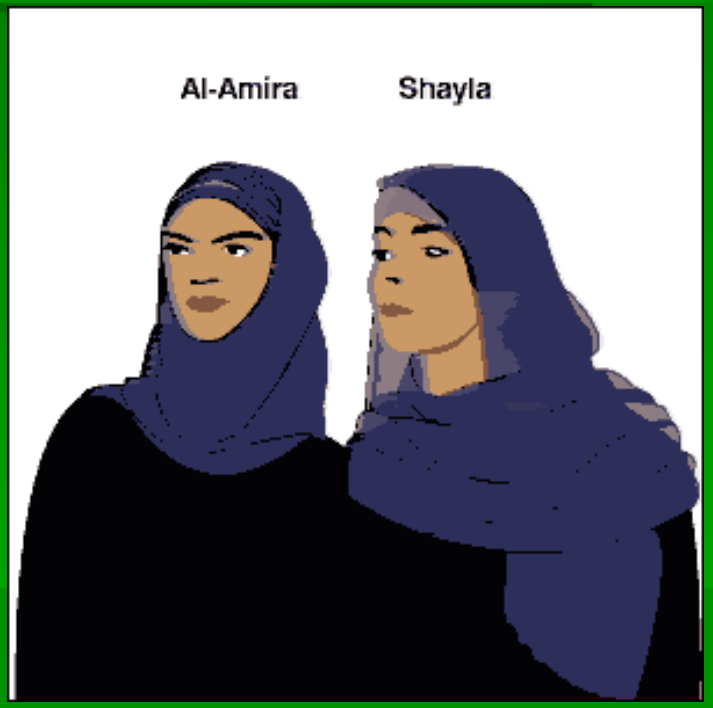





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Al-Amira

- The al-amira is a two-piece veil. It consists of a close fitting cap, usually made from cotton or polyester, and an accompanying tube-like scarf.
- The shayla is a long, rectangular scarf popular in the Gulf region. It is wrapped around the head and tucked or pinned in place at the shoulders.






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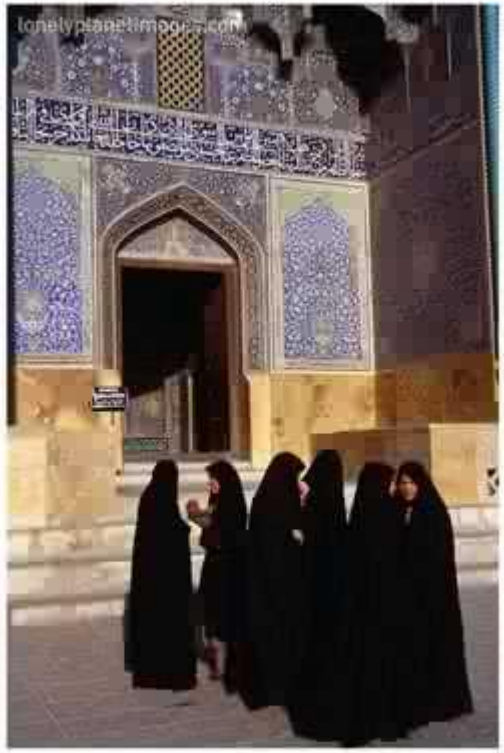
Chador

- The khimar is a long, cape-like veil that hangs down to just above the waist. It covers the hair, neck and shoulders completely, but leaves the face clear.
- The chador, worn by Iranian women when outside the house, is a full-body cloak. It is often accompanied by a smaller headscarf underneath.








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Niqab

- The niqab is a veil for the face that leaves the area around the eyes clear. However, it may be worn with a separate eye veil.
- The niqab attracted the attention of cabinet minister Jack Straw, who said he would prefer that Muslim women did not cover their faces. It is worn with an accompanying headscarf.
- The burqa is the most concealing of all Islamic veils. It covers the entire face and body, leaving just a mesh screen to see through.





























- There is a distinction between the hijab (literally "covering up" in Arabic) and the niqab (meaning "full veil").
- Hijab is a common sight among Muslim women, a scarf that covers their hair and neck.
- Niqab consists of covering up completely, including gloves and a veil for the face - leaving just a slit for the eyes, or covering them too with transparent material.



So what does the Koran actually say?

Tell the faithful women to lower their gaze and guard their private parts and not display their beauty except what is apparent of it, and to extend their scarf to cover their bosom

Koran, 24:31 (English translation)

"O Prophet, tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks close round them (when they go abroad). Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful." (Quran 33:59).