

France to sue teenager for falsely accusing teacher of hitting her in row over headscarf

An update from [this story](#) yesterday. From the [London Evening Standard](#) and Fr

The French prime minister has said a teenage girl will be sued by the state for falsely accusing her school headteacher of hitting her after she was asked to remove her hijab.

“The state... will always stand with these officials, those who are on the frontline faced with these breaches of secularism, these attempts of Islamist entryism in our education establishments,” Gabriel Attal said on the TF1 television channel.

A row broke out on February 28 after the principal told the student to take off her headscarf inside the school, in accordance with French law.

However, he later resigned from his role after receiving death threats on social media.

The teacher had instructed three female students to remove their headscarves in line with the law. Two agreed, but the third refused, leading to a confrontation.

Two individuals have been detained over the alleged death threats.

[France 24 has video](#) of M. Attal on television and further interviews with teachers and the head of the Head teacher's union.

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