

# “Trying To Look Like Animals”: Taliban On Women Without Hijab

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**Kabul:** The Taliban’s religious police have put up posters across the southern Afghan city of Kandahar saying that Muslim women who do not wear an Islamic hijab that fully covers their bodies are “trying to look like animals”, an official confirmed on Thursday.

In May, the country’s supreme leader and Taliban chief Hibatullah Akhundzada approved a decree saying women should generally stay at home.



AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi ■ An Afghan woman walks by a Taliban member in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 3, 2022.

They were ordered to cover themselves completely, including their faces, should they need to go out in public.

This week, the Taliban's feared Ministry for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, which enforces the group's strict interpretation of Islam, put up posters across Kandahar city showing images of burqas, a type of garment that covers a woman's body from head to toe.

"Muslim women who do not wear the hijab are trying to look like animals", say the posters, which have been slapped on many cafes and shops as well as on advertising hoardings across Kandahar – the de facto power centre of the Taliban.

The ministry's spokesman in the capital Kabul was not reachable for comment, but a top local official confirmed that the posters were put up.

"We have put up these posters and those women whose faces are not covered (in public) we will inform their families and take steps according to the decree," Abdul Rahman Tayebi, head of the ministry in Kandahar, told AFP.

Akhundzada's decree orders authorities to warn and even suspend from government jobs male relatives of women who do not comply.