

Woman fined €30,000 for wearing niqab in Italy town hall

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She was there to watch her son, and reportedly refused to remove the veil for identification despite the mayor, Antonio Di Bisceglie of Matteo Renzi's Democratic Party repeatedly asking her to do so. A local police officer removed her from the meeting but she returned, leading Di Bisceglie to pause the meeting to avoid further disturbance.

In an initial tribunal, public prosecutor Federico Facchin sentenced the woman to four months' detention and a €600 fine, a penalty converted by investigating magistrate Alberto Rossi into a €30,600 fine but no jail time.

Although there is no general 'burqa ban' in place in Italy, like in France, a 1975 law regulating behaviour in public spaces forbids people to keep their face covered, for security reasons