

Guide to Muslim veils and headscarves



■ **Hijab:** Arabic for veil. Square scarf covering head and neck is most common style worn by Muslim women in West



■ **Niqab:** Veil for face that leaves only eyes uncovered. Common across much of Arabian peninsula and Pakistan



■ **Burqa:** Most concealing of all Islamic veils, covering entire body with only mesh grille to see through



■ **Shayla:** Rectangular scarf popular in Gulf region, wrapped around head and pinned or tucked in at shoulders



■ **Chador:** Full-body cloak worn by many Iranian women in public. Smaller headscarf often worn underneath



■ **Al-amira:** Two-piece veil consisting of close fitting cap or wide headband, with tube-like scarf worn over it