

Much ado about a modest hijab

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I would like to thank the Leader-Post for printing the editorial entitled "Let her Play" in the March 2 edition of the paper.

Asmahan Mansour's love for soccer is evident. With the current concern with health and the encouragement of active lifestyles, the issue of a hijab on this 11-year-old girl shouldn't even be an issue raised to this level of attention.

It is quite clear that her hijab is neither posing any safety hazards nor providing her with added advantage protection against head butts. As far as I can see, the smooth lines of the hijab even offers protection from pony tails or long hair being pulled.

To delve into the multitude of "what-if" scenarios of religious symbols and attire posing dangers demonstrates our underlying fears of religion itself. Common sense should prevail in accommodating and assessing these kinds of requests.

In this case, the commonality of a shared passion for soccer should be emphasized and the difference of people coming together to share their mutual interest should be celebrated.

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