

DISCUSSIONS TO MARK HIJAB DAY

Press Release

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MANAMA: Discover Islam is organising a Discussion Forum entitled Right of Hijab to mark the International Hijab Day.

It will be held tonight at 6.15pm at Bait Al Quran in Diplomatic Area.

The forum is being organised in the aftermath of the consequences of its ban in France and other European countries.

Eminent scholars, activists and social workers will address the gathering, which is open to all.

Organisers said that the purpose of the forum is to provide a platform for Muslim women to express their views and to expose and discourage any false stereotypes which portray Muslim women as being oppressed.

It also aims to highlight ways of liberating Muslim women from any form of racial, religious or sexual discrimination whether it is institutional, organisational or individual discrimination.

The forum would also highlight the significance of Hijab in Muslim society, while discussing human rights implications and legal actions against restrictions on religious practices and the impact of the ban on individual Muslim.

Discover Islam is an organisation which advocates dialogue as the means to achieve human rights and rejects any kind of violence condemns the action of hostage taking or any such acts to win the right of Hijab, added organisers.