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Post-Paris Attacks: Muslim Women and Hate Crimes

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- ❖ In the 24 to 36 hours following the Paris attacks, there were at least 4 reported hate crimes targeting Muslims in Canada, including the assault of several Muslim women wearing hijabs.¹
- ❖ Shortly following the Paris attacks, the Canadian Council for Muslim Women stated that Muslim women have been particularly easy targets for anti-Muslim bigotry in Canada, especially those that wear religious headwear.²
- ❖ According to the *Independent*, there was a 300% rise in Islamophobic hate crime in the UK the week following the November 13th, 2015 Paris attacks, most of which (100 of 115) were against Muslim women aged 14-45.³
- ❖ According to Tell MAMA, a U.K. based organization that tracks hate crimes in Muslim communities, following the Paris attacks, 80% of attacks targeted women who wore religious attire, such as the niqab, the hijab, or other religious clothing.⁴
- ❖ According to The National Observatory of Islamophobia, there were 32 reported anti-Muslim hate crimes in New York City during the week following the November 13th Paris Attacks. This is a stark increase compared to the “usual” 4-5 incidents per week.⁵
- ❖ As of November 24, 2015, there were 64 racially motivated hate crimes in Scotland following the Paris attacks.⁶
- ❖ As of March 2016, Muslim women are the target of 80% of the total number of anti-Muslim hate crimes in the United States. Furthermore, since the Paris attacks, the total number of hate crimes against Muslims has tripled, from 12 to 38 in a month.⁷

¹ <http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/trudeau-condemns-highly-disturbing-hate-crimes-1.2664070>

² <http://alwaght.com/en/News/21060/Islamophobia-Upsurge-in-Western-Countries-after-Paris-Attacks>

³ <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/paris-attacks-british-muslims-face-300-spike-in-racial-attacks-in-week-following-terror-a6744376.html>

⁴ <http://isj.org.uk/islamophobia-the-othering-of-europes-muslims/>

⁵ <https://www.sott.net/article/307230-Attacks-on-the-Muslim-population-exploiting-fear-and-paranoia>

⁶ <http://www.briefmedia.news/countries-around-the-world-report-increases-in-hate-crimes-against-muslims-since-the-november-13th-attacks-in-paris/>

⁷ <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/18/us/politics/crimes-against-muslim-americans-and-mosques-rise-sharply.html>