

# *Outrage mounts over school hijab ban in Indian State of Karnataka*

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New Delhi, February 9 (RHC)-- In India, schools in the southern state of Karnataka have shut down as protests grow over a recent decision to ban hijabs and burqas in colleges.

A social media video showing a hijab-wearing student being harassed at a college has further intensified the outrage over anti-Muslim persecution in Karnataka, whose local government is ruled by the right-wing Hindu nationalist BJ Party.

Muslim students gathered in protest earlier this week. One of the organizers of the protest told reporters: “We will enter the classroom wearing our hijabs. We will not remove the hijabs until we receive an order from the High Court.”

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