

PARIS 2024

BACK TO THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT!

ON THE 4TH APRIL, DARYA SAFAI, FOUNDER OF THE MOVEMENT
“LET IRANIAN WOMEN ENTER THEIR STADIUMS”,
CALLS UPON THE ORGANISERS OF PARIS 2024.



SUMMARY

In Iran and in Saudi Arabia, apartheid separating women and men is everywhere imposed; sport is no exception.

It is high time for the world of sport to become aware of the obstacles every day more blatant, and that it cease tolerating practices that are in flagrant contradiction to fundamental human rights and to the Olympic Charter.

We demand that the organisers of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games exert pressure on the IOC to impose a sports boycott of countries that continue to impose sexual apartheid on women, as it rightly did to South Africa for its racial apartheid regime.

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THE IOC MUST SANCTION THE APARTHEID IMPOSED ON SAUDI AND IRANIAN WOMEN IN SPORT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF SEXUAL APARTHEID THAT RULE IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA, THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS IS GOVERNED BY :

- wearing an islamic costume, covering sportswomen from head to foot.
- non mixity of event and competition sites.
- only those disciplines considered as «coranically approved».

PRESSURE PAYS!

Saudi Arabia has just lifted its ban against women entering stadiums. Iran has only yielded in several cases, always under international pressure – and continues to forbid women to enter stadiums generally.



During a political meeting in a stadium, Iranians claim the right to attend matches: "EVEN AFTER THE ELECTIONS I SHALL COME TO THE STADIUMS."

Why does the IOC tolerate sexist discrimination, including costumes distinguishing between muslim athletes from others? Why does it not sanction Iran and Saudi Arabia while recently, to respect the Olympic Charter, it excluded drugged Russian athletes and sanctioned certain States for their political interference in sport?

THE ISLAMIC SPORTING MODEL IS A REGRESSION.



Iranian swimmers formerly...



and after the Islamic revolution.



Iranian footballers formerly...



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THE FIRST GOLD MEDALLISTS FROM NORTH AFRICA RAN WITH UNCOVERED HEADS, LEGS AND ARMS.

1984, the Moroccan Nawal El Moutawakel at the Los Angeles Games,
1992, the Algerian Hassiba Boulmerka at the Barcelona Games,
2012, the Tunisian Habiba Ghribi at the London Games.



LET US SUPPORT RESISTANCE TO A SEXIST ORDER IN CONTRADICTION WITH THE OLYMPIC CHARTER!

FROM MEXICO IN 1968 FOR CIVIC RIGHTS TO TEHRAN IN 2017 FOR THE FREEDOM OF WOMEN AND OF AN ENTIRE PEOPLE, THE GESTURES THAT MAKE HISTORY!



● **Masih Alinejad, Iranian journalist and writer**, created in 2014 the Facebook page **#My Stealthy Freedom**, against the obligation to wear the sinister tchador in Iran. Since May 2017, protesters wear white headscarves every Wednesday, (**#whitewednesdays**).

IRANIANS IN SOLIDARITY VIA «#MENINHIJAB»



THE PRICE PAID BY IRANIAN SPORTSWOMEN.

● **Shiva Amini, Iranian football star**, is expunged for life from the national team and from any position as coach for having played in a friendly match, without headscarf and in shorts with boys, during a private trip in Italy and in Switzerland (Women in the World 26 April 2017).



● **Dorsa Derakhshani, Iranian chess champion**, was sanctioned for having played in competitions without a headscarf, lastly at the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival (February 2017). She plays henceforth for the USA (Only a Game, 29 September 2017; The Telegraph 3 October 2017).



BOYCOTT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN IRAN.

● **Nazi Paikidze, Georgian-born, American grand chess mistress,** launched in October 2016, a petition that attracted more than 16,000 signatures, to oppose the choice of Iran as organising country for the World Women's chess championship in February 2017. She refused the compulsory garb of the tchador and denounced the absence of fundamental human rights for women in Iran (Vice Sport, 4.11.2016).



● **Open letter from US Chess to the International Federation (WCF):**
“ (...) Any religious requirement must be clearly eliminated, whether it concerns the obligation to wear a hijab or any other behaviour that might be imposed on participants, in conformity with section 1.2 of the WCF HANDBOOK as well as with Principle 6 of the Olympic Charter.” (14.02.2017, official site of US CHESS). The British and Danish Federations published similar communications as did the Association of professional players.

● **Heena Sidhu, the Indian gold medallist of air pistol shooting,** boycotted the Asian championships in Tehran: « To oblige a sportswoman to wear the hijab is contrary to the spirit of sport » (WITW, 31.10.2016).)

New Delhi: Heena Sidhu during the 10 air pistol event at the Asian Olympic Qualifying Tournament in New Delhi, on Jan 27, 2017.



(Photo: IANS)

BOYCOTT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

● **Anna Muzychuk, Ukrainian, world chess champion**, refused to participate in a world tournament (26-30 December 2017) in Saudi Arabia «even if this implies losing my two world championships» so as not to be obliged to wear islamic garb. More than 150 players announced that they too would not participate in that tournament and called for a boycott of Riyad (Chess and Strategy, 21.11.2017).



● **Hikaru Nakamura, American, International Grand Master:** «This kind of event cannot and must not take place in a country that does not guarantee entrance to all delegations of all federations, and that has discriminatory laws towards women and in accordance with religion », (Chess and Strategy, 21.11.1027).



IDENTITY DEVIATION IN SPORT

It required the repeated shocks of a wave of terrorist attacks in our country for people to wake up. In October 2015, the press revealed a confidential note of the Territorial Information Service (SCRT) admitting that amateur sport had become a vector of communautarism and of radicality. «This phenomenon exists all over Europe, but people do not want to see it» , stressed Mederik Chapitiaux, former military, and civil servant in the Ministry of Sports, who had become a consultant. According to Patrick Karam, Vice-President of the Ile-de-France region and General Inspector of Youth and Sport «Although not all those who are radicalised are athletes, nonetheless all those who have taken action, practically all those who have committed attacks, were in a sport club» (...).

The Ile-de-France region set up a training system to prevent radicalisation in sport, aiming to develop the capacity of leaders to identify and decode the signals previously considered «weak», such as changes in clothing by athletes and to transmit this information to those structures charged with preventing radicalisation up to the highest national level

By stubbornly refusing to respect the rules, a woman football coach penalises her young players, teaches them disobedience and imposes her proselytism on them.

In obedience to the FFI rule, Essua Aouini, coach of two girls' teams in Surieux, was banned from the final match by Bernard Barbet, President of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes League. She had been backed by her club President, Amar Benguedouar. The young players were not allowed to participate in the League's final (cf Le Parisien, 21 April 2017. S. Pueyo, correspondent in Grenoble, Isère.)



(*) Symposium on «Sport and Radicalisation» organised by the Ile-de-France region on the 30th November 2017.

THE SHAME!

● **The Declaration “Accept and Respect”** signed in Oman in 2008 and promoted by the women and sport *networks* (*): *“We urge international sport federations to demonstrate their attachment to integration in seeing that their dress code for competitions satisfies muslim requirements, by considering the principles of propriety, of safety and of integrity”.*

● **The subservience of the FIFA and numerous other international** sport federations to these non-sport requirements apply only to women and open a fabulous «islamic» clothing market immediately taken advantage of by the brands Nike and Mattel.

(*) The international Association for the Development of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW).

DISCRIMINATORY “ROLE MODELS”

● **Since athletes complained of the discomfort or the traditional hijabs** they are forced to wear, the “Nike Pro Hijab” in “better breathing” material (sic)- but just as concealing – is gaining ground not only with athletes but also with the muslim public in general on the fallacious pretext of “freeing the muslim woman”.

● **Mattel has commercialised a Barbie doll on the model** of the first veiled American fencer to participate in the Games so that she might “continue to inspire women and girls world-wide to reject barriers!”



The fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad, model of the Barbie doll of Mattel



Manal Rostom is one of the Nike muses

The economic benefits amount to billions of dollars if one adds to them H&M clothing, Uniqlo, etc... This is the height of absurdity: an outfit totally discriminatory becomes the symbol of progress and freedom!

AWAKENING OF THE IOC...

● **The President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach**, rejected the proposal of Saudi Arabia to organise the Games together with Bahrain but separating male and female events, the latter to take place in Bahrain!

WHAT OF PARIS 2024 ?

● **While all over the world, women and men reject islamic propaganda in sport, what will be the case in Paris?**

Will the organising Committee of the 2024 Paris Games remain impervious to the sexual apartheid imposed on Iranian and Saudi women?



...or will it have the courage to uphold the respect of one of the fundamental rules of the Olympic Charter:

NO POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION IN OLYMPIC SITES ?
(Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter)

To Know More:

« **COMMENT L'ISLAMISME A PERVERTI L'OLYMPISME** » by Annie Sugier, Linda Weil-Curiel et Gérard Biard, éditions Chryséis, version brochée ou numérique disponible sur Amazon.

English version via Amazon

« **HOW ISLAMISM PERVERTED OLYMPISM** ».

<https://goo.gl/bMVYkk>

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THE MEMBER ORGANISATIONS AND SIGNERS OF THIS APPEAL :

ADIEF - Association pour le Développement des Initiatives Économiques par les Femmes - AFAF - Association des Femmes franco-africaines de Paris - AFFDU - Association Française des Femmes Diplômées des Universités - Alliance des Femmes pour la Démocratie - Amicale du Nid - ANEF - Assemblée des femmes - Assemblée des femmes Paris - Ile-de-France - Association Ambroise Croizat - Association Evelyne Ancelot - Association Femmes et Musique - CEFW - Conseil Européen des Fédérations WIZO - CFCV - Collectif Féministe contre le Viol - Chiennes de Garde - CIBEL - Compagnie des Insoumises, Baladines, Enthousiastes et Lesbiennes - CLAEF - Club des Africaines Entrepreneurs d'Europe CLF - Coordination Lesbienne en France - Comité ONU Femmes France - Du côté des femmes - ELLES AUSSI pour la parité dans les instances élues - Espace Simone de Beauvoir - Excision Parlons-en ! - FCI - FEMMES CONTRE LES INTÉGRISMES - FDFA - Femmes pour le dire, Femmes pour agir - Fédération Pionnières - Féminisme et Géopolitique - Femmes au delà des mers - Femmes migrantes debout - Femmes - Monde - FEMMES SOLIDAIRES-Clara Magazine - FFM - FORUM FEMMES MEDITERRANÉE - FHEDLES - FIFF - Festival International des Films de femmes de Créteil - FIT une femme, un toit - FOFCE - Forum Œcuménique des Femmes Chrétiennes d'Europe - GAMS - Groupe des Femmes pour l'Abolition des Mutilations Sexuelles et les mariages forcés - GCFF - Grand Chapitre Féminin de France - GENRE & VILLE - H/F Île de France - Institut en Santé Génésique - Le CAP - LDIF - Ligue du Droit International des femmes - Les Marianne de la Diversité - LFID - Ligue des Femmes Irlandaises pour la Démocratie - Libres MarianneS - LIFPL - Ligue Internationale des Femmes pour la Paix et la Liberté - Section française - Maison des femmes de Montreuil - Maison des femmes de Paris - ME - F - Mouvement Européen France - Commission pour l'égalité des genres - MJF - MOUVEMENT JEUNES FEMMES - Osez le féminisme ! - PARITÉ - RAJFIRE - Réseau pour l'Autonomie des Femmes Immigrées et Réfugiées - Regards de Femmes - Réseau féministe " Ruptures " - Réussir l'égalité femmes-hommes - SOS SEXISME - Valeurs de femmes - WICUR - Initiative de Femmes pour la Citoyenneté et les Droits - ZÉROMACHO - ZONTA CLUBS France NORD-OUEST

