

Wearing Hair in a Bun at the Back of the Head Under the Hijaab

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

The Hadeeth

From Aboo Hurairah who said the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said:

صنفان من أهل النار لم أرهما قوم معهم سياط كأذناب البقر يضربون بها الناس ونساء كاسيات عاريات مميلات مائلات
رءوسهن كأسنمة البخت المائلة لا يدخلن الجنة ولا يجدن ريحها وإن ريحها ليوجد من مسيرة كذا وكذا

‘There are two types of the people of the Hell-Fire who I have not seen, a people who have whips like cows’ tails with which they are hitting the people, and women who will be naked in spite of being dressed, who are seduced (to wrong paths) and seduce others, their heads will be high like a camel with humps they will not enter Paradise, nor will they find its fragrance, even though its fragrance can be found from travelling such and such distance.’¹

Question: What is the ruling of a woman gathering her hair above her neck at the back of the head whereby it is shaped like a ball, taking into consideration that when a woman covers herself with Hijaab the shape of her hair would be apparent from her Hijaab?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said: ‘This is a mistake many women who wear Hijaab fall into, whereby they gather their hair at the back of the head and it bulges out from the back of their head, even though they have covered it with covering Hijaab over it.

Indeed this opposes a condition from the conditions of Hijaab, which I had gathered in my book ‘Hijaab Al-Marata Al-Muslimah min Al-Kitab wa Sunnah’. From these conditions is that the clothing should not show the shape of the limb or anything from the woman’s body, this is why it is not permissible for a woman to put her hair in a circular shape at the back of her head or at the side of her head whereby it bulges out, so that it appears to the one who sees her, even unintentionally that she has shaggy hair or that she has little hair.

It is obligatory that it is left hanging and not piled up/crumpled up.’

[From ‘Silsilah al-Huda wa Noor’ No.386, see <http://albanyimam.com/play.php?catsmktba=13094>]

¹ [Collected by Imam Ahmad in ‘al-Musnad’ & Muslim in ‘as-Saheeh’]