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Poster of Common Muslim American Head Coverings

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- Show RESPECT
- Explain why you need to conduct search
- Offer private room for search if available
- Searches should be conducted by a screener of the same gender as the passenger being searched

Collage of Pictures includes five pictures of typical Muslim head coverings:
(Starting at top center)

Picture 1: Muslim woman with decorated scarf

Picture 2: Muslim man with kufi

Picture 3: Muslim woman with plain scarf

Picture 4: Muslim girl with hijab

Picture 5: Muslim girl with hijab

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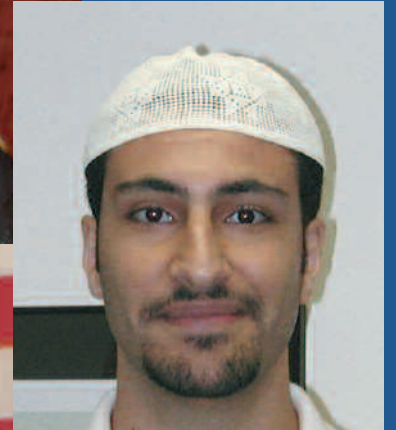
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