

a statement

JOHNSON ON THE BURQA

Boris Johnson's comments on the burqa are divisive and inflammatory.

Using demeaning language to trivialise a serious discussion does not help.

Many Muslim women worry about their safety. Boris Johnson's demonising words have real consequences for people who are already vulnerable. They legitimise and fuel more anti-Muslim hatred, leading to further intimidation and racist abuse towards women who choose their clothes according to their religious beliefs.

The Christian Muslim Forum welcomes robust exchange. Our discussions are forthright. But we challenge intolerance, division and any threat to the solidarity between our communities.

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