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Prohibition of the burqa

On July 3rd 2010, Mr. Scheuch, from the Freedom's Party Carinthia has recommended, through a press release, a prohibition of the burqa in public, asserting "In several European countries there are initiatives to forbid the full covering of women in public. It should be time to take over this issue in our country. In the 21st century there is no more place for religiously conditioned discrimination against women- not to silence from the point of view of public and transport security." He asserted that the burqa is a symbol of the oppression of women that should not be accepted by a badly understood tolerance. To the issue that apparently about 2000 women would use burqa in Austria, he indicated : "Every individual case of discrimination is one case too much" There would be initiatives through parties to forbid the burqa in some Laender in Austria, making reference to the decisions of the provincial of legislatures in Lower Austria and Vorarlberg: "We shall follow such course of action."

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