

Text 7: Park's Rules on Scarves Are Cited in a Melee

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A scuffle broke out at an amusement park in Westchester County on Tuesday when a group of Muslims there to celebrate the end of Ramadan were told that women could not wear their head coverings on certain rides, park officials and witnesses said. Fifteen people were arrested.

The Muslim American Society of New York had arranged the trip to Playland Park in Rye, which was expected to bring some 3,000 people to the site from New York City, as well as surrounding suburbs like Yonkers and parts of Long Island.

About 2:30 p.m., the day took a sour turn when some of the female Muslim visitors, most of whom arrived in head scarves, were told they could not get on certain rides — including the Catch-a-Wave ride, the Crazy Mouse roller coaster and the Dragon Coaster — because their heads were covered by the Muslim hijab.

Ola Salem, 17, of Coney Island, Brooklyn, was visiting with the group to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Id al-Fitr, or the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and wearing a pink and gray head scarf. She said she asked a park employee if she could join her 8-year-old sister on a ride.

“They said no because of my ‘headgear,’ “ Ms. Salem said. “I said, ‘It’s not my headgear, it’s my religion.’ “

Ms. Salem said she asked to speak with a supervisor and was presented with a list of rides that would require her to remove her scarf. More than a dozen of the park’s rides, she said, were on the list.

“It got heated,” said Kathleen M. O’Connor, commissioner of the Westchester County Parks Department. “They were frustrated they couldn’t get on the rides.”

According to park officials, disappointed customers were then offered a refund, and several people proceeded to the park’s main entrance to get back the \$20 each member of the group had paid.

Then, the Parks Department said, about 20 members of the Muslim American group started fighting among themselves. Peter Tartaglia, the deputy commissioner of the department, said

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there was pushing and shoving, so some park rangers intervened. One ranger sustained an injured shoulder; another injured a knee.

Fifteen people, men and women, were placed under arrest, county officials said, though they did not specify whether all of them were members of the tour group. They were charged, the officials said, but the charges were not specified, and all of the arrested were released.

Some people who came to the park with the group said the fight began when a park employee touched a Muslim woman, at which point tempers flared.

“We don’t have any knowledge of that at all from the police end or from the parks end,” Mr. Tartaglia said.

County officials blamed the trip’s organizers for not informing the guests that they would have to remove their headscarves.

Playland Park, owned and operated by the county, has come under scrutiny in recent years after three people died there from 2004 to 2007, including a 7-year-old girl who was killed on a ride called the Mind Scrambler.

County officials say that the ban on headgear for some rides is a longstanding safety policy and that the organizers had been warned about it. “We told them several times we have what we call a headgear policy, meaning there are certain rides where you can’t wear headgear of any sorts,” Mr. Tartaglia said. He said he was not aware of specific instances where headscarves had caused injuries.

“Something flying off your head could land on the track” and require a ride to be stopped, he said. He added, “If you have a scarf on, you could be choked.”

Sharif Aly, vice president of the Muslim American Society of New York, said that the organization planned to investigate what happened before drawing any conclusions.

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Clauses

Clause ID	Conjunction	Clause	Types of Process
1.		A scuffle broke out at an amusement park in Westchester County on Tuesday when a group of Muslims there to celebrate the end of Ramadan were told that women could not wear their head coverings on certain rides, park officials and witnesses said	Material
2.	when	a group of Muslims there to celebrate the end of Ramadan were told that women could not wear their head coverings on certain rides, park officials and witnesses said .	Verbal
3.		[a group of Muslims there to celebrate the end of Ramadan were told that women could not wear their head coverings on certain rides]	Verbal
4.		[to celebrate the end of Ramadan]	Material
5.	[that	women could not wear their head coverings on certain rides]	Material
6.		Fifteen people were arrested .	Material
7.		About 2.30 p.m., the day took a sour turn when some of the female Muslim visitors, most of whom arrived in head scarves, were told they could not get on certain rides - including the Catch-a-Wave ride, the Crazy Mouse roller coaster and the Dragon Coaster because their heads were covered by the Muslim hijabs]	Relational att
8.	[when	some of the female Muslim visitors, most of whom arrived in head scarves, were told they could not get on certain rides – including the Catch-a-Wave ride, the Crazy Mouse roller coaster and the Dragon Coaster]	Verbal
9.		[most of whom arrived in head scarves]	Material
10.		[they could not get on certain rides – including the Catch-a-Wave ride, the Crazy Mouse roller coaster and the Dragon Coaster because their heads were covered by the Muslim hijabs]	Material
11.	[because	their heads were covered by the Muslim hijabs]	Material

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12.		Ola Salem, 17, of Coney Island, Brooklyn was visiting with the group to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Id al-Fitr, or the end of the holy month of Ramadan	Material
13.		[to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Id-al Fitr, or the end of the holy month of Ramadhan]	Material
14.	and	wearing a pink and grey head scarf	Material
15.		She said she asked a park employee if she could join her 8-year-old sister on a ride.	Verbal
16.		[She asked a park employee]	Verbal
17.	[if	she could join her 8-year-old sister on a ride.]	Material
18.		“They said no because of my ‘headgear,’” Ms. Salem said .	Verbal
19.		[They said no because of my ‘headgear]	Verbal
20.		“I said , ‘It’s not my headgear, it’s my religion”	Verbal
21.		[It’s not my headgear]	Relational id
22.		it’s my religion.	Relational id
23.		Ms. Salem said <u>she asked to speak with a supervisor</u>	Verbal
24.		[she asked to speak with a supervisor]	Verbal
25.		[to speak with a supervisor]	Verbal
26.	and	was presented with a list of rides that would require her to remove her scarf	Material
27.	[that	would require her to remove her scarf]	Verbal
28.		[to remove her scarf]	Material
29.		County officials blamed the trip’s organizers for not informing the guests	Verbal
30.	[for	not informing the guests]	Verbal
31.	that	they would have to remove their headscarves.	Material
32.		County officials say that the ban on headgear for some rides is a longstanding safety policy and that the organizers had been warned about it.	Verbal
33.	[that	the ban on headgear for some rides is a longstanding safety policy	Relational att
34.	[and	the organizers had been warned about it]	Verbal
35.		“We told them several times we have what we call a	Verbal

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		headgear policy, meaning there are certain rides where you can't wear headgear of any sorts," Mr. Tartaglia said .	
36.		[We told them several times]	Verbal
37.		[we have what we call a headgear policy]	Relational att
38.	[what	we call a headgear policy]	Relational id
39.		[there are certain rides where you can't wear headgear of any sorts]	Existential
40.	[where	you can't wear headgear of any sorts]	Material
41.		He said he was not aware of specific instances where headscarves had caused injuries.	Verbal
42		[he was not aware of specific instances where headscarves had caused injuries]	Relational att
43.	[where	headscarves had caused injuries]	Material
44		He added "If you have a scarf on, you could be choked"	Verbal
45	[If	you have a scarf on]	Material
46.		[you could be choked]	Material

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Material process								
Clause ID	Conj.	Actor	Process	Goal	Scope	Recipient	Client	Circumstance
1.		A scuffle	broke out					at an amusement park in Westchester County (place) on Tuesday (time) when a group of Muslims there to celebrate the end of Ramadan were told that women could not wear their head coverings on certain rides, park officials and witnesses said (time)
4.			to celebrate	the end of Ramadan				
5.	that	Women	could not wear	their head coverings				on certain rides (place)
6.		Fifteen people	were arrested					
9.		most of whom	arrived					in head scarves (accompaniment)
10.		they	could not get on	certain rides – including the Catch-a-Wave ride, the Crazy Mouse roller coaster and the Dragon Coaster				because their heads were covered by the Muslim hijab. (cause:reason)
11.	because	by the Muslim hijab	were covered	their heads				
12.		Ola Salem, 17	was visiting					of Coney Island, Brooklyn (place), with the group (accompaniment) to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Id al-Fitr, or the end of the holy month of Ramadan (time)

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13.			to celebrate	The Muslim holiday of Id-al Fitr, or the end of the holy month of Ramadan				
14.	and		wearing	a pink and grey head scarf				
17.	if	she	could join			her 8-year-old sister		on a ride (place)
26.	and		was presented					with a list of rides that would require her to remove her scarf (means)
28.			to remove	her scarf				
31.	that	they	would have to remove	their headscarves				
40.		you	can't wear	headgear of any sorts				
43.	where	headscarves	had caused	injuries				
45.	if	you	have on	a scarf				
46.			could be chocked	you				

Verbal process									
Clause ID	Conj.	Sayer	Process	Quoted	Reported	Verbiage	Target	Receiver	Circumstance
2.	when	park officials and witnesses	said		a group of Muslims there to celebrate the end of Ramadan were told that women could not wear their head coverings on certain				

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					rides				
3.			were told		that women could not wear their head coverings on certain rides,			a group of Muslims	there to celebrate the end of Ramadan (place, time)
8.			were told		they could not get on certain rides – including the Catch-a-Wave ride, the Crazy Mouse roller coaster and the Dragon Coaster			some of the female Muslim visitors, most of whom arrived in head scarves	
15.		She	said		She asked a park employee if she could join her 8-year-old sister on a ride				
16.		She	asked					a park employee	
18.		Ms. Salem	said	“They said no because of my ‘headgear,’” ; “I said, ‘It’s not my headgear, it’s my religion’”					
19.		They	said		no				because of my headgear (cause: reason)
20.		I	said	‘It’s not my headgear, it’s my religion’					
23.		Ms. Salem	said		she asked to speak with a supervisor				
24.		She	asked		to speak with a supervisor				
25.			to speak						with a

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									supervisor (accompanime nt)
27.	That		would require		to remove her scarf			her	
29.		County officials	blamed				the trip organizers		
30.	for		not informing					the guests	
32.		County officials	say		that the ban on headgear for some rides is a longstanding safety policy and that the organizers had been warned about it.				
34.	and		had been warned					the organizers	about it (matter)
35.		Mr. Tartaglia	said	“We told them several times we have what we call a headgear policy, meaning there are certain rides where you can’t wear headgear of any sorts,”					
36.		We	told					them	several times (frequency)
41.		He	said		he was not aware of specific instances where headscarves had caused injuries.				

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44.		He	added	“If you have a scarf on, you could be choked”					
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Relational attributive process							
Clause ID	Conj.	Carrier	Process	Atribute	Attributor	Beneficiary	Circumstance
7.		the day	took	a sour turn			About 2.30 p.m., (time) when some of the female Muslim visitors, most of whom arrived in head scarves, were told they could not get on certain rides - including the Catch-a-Wave ride, the Crazy Mouse roller coaster and the Dragon Coaster (place) because their heads were covered by the Muslim hijabs (cause: reason)
33.	that	the ban on headgear for some rides	is	a longstanding safety policy			
37.		We	have	what we call a headgear policy			
42.		He	was not	aware			of specific instances (matter) where headscarves had caused injuries (place)

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Relational identifying process						
Clause ID	Conjunction	Identified	Process	Identifier	Assigner	Circumstance
21.		It	's not	my headgear		
22.		It	's	my religion		
48.	what		call	a headgear policy	we	

Existential process					
Clause ID	Conjunction		Process	Existent	Circumstance
39.		There	are	certain rides	where you can't wear headgear of any sorts (place)