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Question: What is the ruling on carrying a weapon over the abayah by which a part of her body may expose or it show its shape?

Answer: If the carried weapon shows the body, such as wearing pistols and belts around the back of her body or like wearing an load-bearing vest, then it is not permitted. Ahmad narrated on behalf of Usamah, who repeated a Hadith attributed to the Prophet Muhammad on the importance of having a woman covered at all times to prevent temptation thoughts.

More evidence based on what had been narrated by Ahmad and Muslim on behalf of Abu-Hurayrah, where the Prophet Muhammad said in a Hadith on the same prohibition of exposing the body of women.

Yet, women who carry an AK-47 are permitted to do so because it is viewed as in the case of women carrying purses, especially that some sisters need to carry and possess weapons and Allah knows best.



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