

# Woman locked up and debanked for criticising Islamism speaks out: 'I was treated like a terrorist'

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A woman who was locked up and debanked or criticising Islam in France has told GB News she was "treated as if she were a terrorist".



Speaking to GB News, feminist and activist Yona Faedda revealed she was arrested, held in custody and had her phone confiscated for three days.

Recalling her horror ordeal, Ms Faedda told GB News: "We were

with activists from the Nemesis Collective, our right wing feminist group in a small town in France.

“We went with 15 girls wearing burqas to a café terrace to observe people’s reactions, and ask them if they thought this could be what France would be like in 50 years, with Islam gaining ground every day here, as we know. And simply for that, we were stopped by the police.”

Revealing what happened next, she added: “At first, they just checked us, they asked my identity, and they asked us what we were doing.

“So I explained to them that this was partly because of what was currently happening in Iran with the current revolt and the women who for years, but especially lately, have been fighting against Sharia law and are having to wear the veil, which is mandatory.

“But also because on February 1 is World Hijab Day, which promotes the hijab.

“It invites women to veil themselves, and we wanted to do something on this occasion to show that if we let events like this be normalised, celebrating the hijab, as I was saying, in 50 years it could be like France today – 15 women on a terrace, fully veiled with the faces concealed in the name of Sharia law.”

Having been taken into custody for “undeclared demonstrations”, the activist explained: “I was simply doing a vox pop, and there wasn’t a demonstration per se. . . . We didn’t have a slogan, we didn’t have a sign or a banner. So the reason I was arrested was completely arbitrary. It came from the prosecutor, in fact, someone who was above the police.

Revealing that she was in custody for “five hours”, Ms Faedda said: “When I was taken to the station, the officers were

relatively respectful towards me. . . And after being questioned I was able to leave, but they kept my phone to search it. They took my phone for three or four days. They wanted to search it as if I were a terrorist. In fact, they put more resources in trying to see what I was doing, what my organisation was, my movement, the Nemesis Collective. They put more resources into tracking us than into tracking down, ultimately, some rapists who are in France, even though they don't even have French nationality and have no right to be here."

Warning that Islam is becoming increasingly "dangerous" in France, Ms Faedda said: "We all worried about Islam in France because we know that Islamism is dangerous, particularly regarding the safety of women. Generally speaking, we denounce radicalisation, Islamism, terrorism, separatism, and especially the difficulties of integration and the tensions surrounding women's rights.

"We know it's a religion that subjugates women. We saw this particularly in the wearing of the veil, which, let's remember, we've created to separate enslaved women from non-enslaved women so that men would know which ones they had the right to assault and which they did not."

Asked whether she believes there is a free speech crackdown in France under Emmanuel Macron, Ms Faedda responded: "So it's true that our freedom of expression among Nemesis groups is quite restricted. We know, however, that this isn't the case for everyone.

"The far left in France, as everywhere I think, enjoys almost total immunity. The left identify as being the good ones and despite often problematic stances, face no repercussions. On the other hand, we have indeed been subjected to relentless harassment by the justice system, and we continue to be."

"Being a nationalist, right wing and defending one's country,

I think that's become even more complicated in Macron's France."