

# Clash of Civilizations?

*Cartoons and Abu Ghraib*

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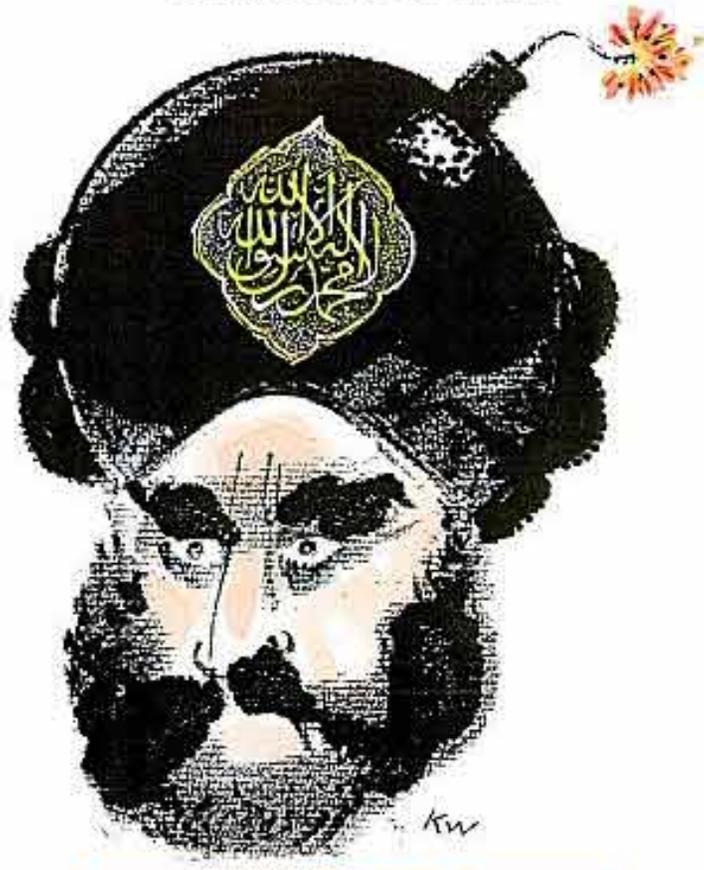
# The Cartoons

Events first erupted in September 2005,  
as a result of the printing of the  
Muhammad cartoons.

In 2008, as rumors were circulated about  
possible assassination of the cartoonist,  
the Danish papers reprinted the cartoons,  
creating an uproar,  
showing the clash is as evident  
as three years ago.

# Jyllands-Posten Muhammad cartoons controversy

- Sep. 30, 2005, 丹麥報紙 Jyllands-Posten 刊登 12 幅關於穆斯林先知穆罕默德的諷刺漫畫。
- Oct. 14, 2005, 超過 3500 人在該報社門前舉行和平示威。
- Oct. 19, 2005, 十一位伊斯蘭國家駐丹麥大使約見丹麥首相 Anders Fogh Rasmussen，要求丹麥官方對漫畫之不友善言論保持距離，總理以言論自由為由拒絕會見。
- Jan. 30, 2006, 編輯對使穆斯林感到不適一事表示歉意，但重申未犯法、無惡意，堅持捍衛言論自由。
- Feb. 1, 2006, 漫畫經歐洲各國轉載，引發一連串抗議暴動事件。
- Feb. 14, 2006, 梵蒂岡發表聲明，對歐洲傳媒刊載漫畫的行為表示譴責，指言論自由不等於「可以冒犯他人信仰的自由」。
- Mar. 10, 2006, 丹麥外交部在哥本哈根主持穆斯林和基督教學者參加的會議，企圖改善與穆斯林世界的關係。
- Feb. 12, 2008, 丹麥逮捕三名意圖殺害漫畫作者 Kurt Westergaard（炸彈頭）的疑犯，一名是來自摩洛哥的丹麥民族，兩名來自土耳其。
- Feb. 13, 2008, Jyllands-Posten 及其他眾多丹麥報紙再次刊登炸彈頭漫畫，宣示捍衛言論自由。再次引發穆斯林的街頭抗議事件。
- Jan. 3, 2010, 一名索馬利亞男子持斧頭闖入 Kurt Westergaard 在丹麥西部的住所，企圖行兇。當時僅有畫家與五歲孫女在家，二人躲進避難室並報警，警方趕到制服兇嫌。



- The most controversial image shows the Prophet Muhammad carrying a lit bomb in the shape of a turban on his head decorated with the Islamic creed.
- The face is angry, dangerous-looking - a stereotypical villain with heavy, dark eyebrows and whiskers



The cartoonist portrays Muhammad with a kind of halo around his head, but it could be a crescent moon, or a pair of devil's horns.

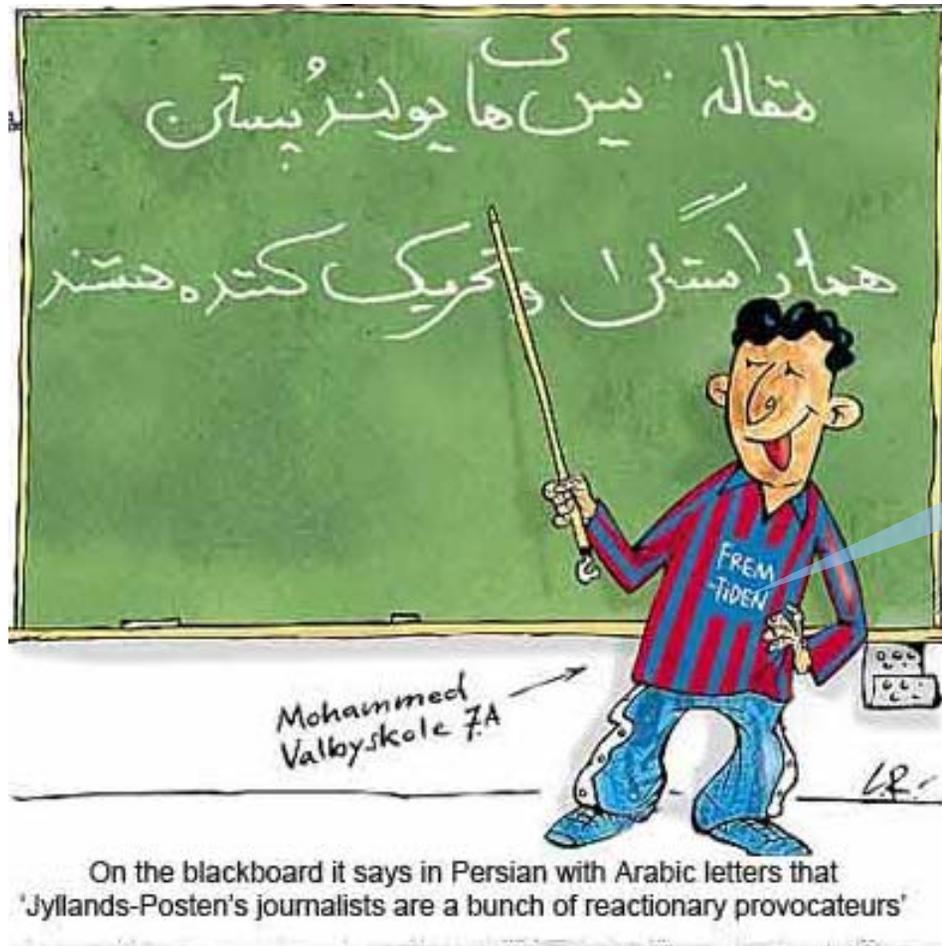


- This shows Muhammad brandishing a sword ready for a fight. His eyes are blacked out while two women stand behind him with their Islamic dress leaving only their eyes uncovered



Muhammad standing on a cloud holding back a line of smouldering suicide bombers trying to get into heaven

- This is a reference to the supposed reward of 72 virgins in heaven for Muslim martyrs, although Islamic scholars often point out that there is no specific belief of this kind



Future

"The editorial team of Jyllands-Posten are a bunch of reactionary provocateurs"



The last cartoon on the page goes back to the theme of artistic freedom: a cartoonist draws an Arab face with headdress, inscribed "Mohammed", but he crouches over the drawing and shields it with his hand



• ROLIG, VENNER, NÅR ALT KOMMER TIL ALT ER DET JO BARE EN  
TEGNING LAVET AF EN YANTRØ SØNDERJYDE....

Relax folks it is just a sketch made by a Dane  
from the south-west Denmark.

“Relax guys, it's just a drawing made by some infidel South Jutlander  
(ie from the middle of nowhere),”

Abu Ghraib:  
Abuse of Iraqi  
Prisoners



An image of two naked men chained together at Abu Ghraib is among those broadcast in February 2006 on Australian TV network SBS. The network said the previously unpublished photos and videos were taken in 2003, around the same time as earlier pictures that were leaked to the media.



↑ A naked man hangs by his knees in one of the images obtained by SBS.

↓ A hooded prisoner carries a box in one of the images aired by the Australian network.





- Photographs from Abu Ghraib released in 2004 fueled outrage in the Arab world and within the United States. In this image, an Iraqi prisoner stands on a box with his head covered and wires attached to his hands at Abu Ghraib prison.



- Bound Iraqi prisoners lie on the floor.



- Lynndie England points at a hooded and naked Iraqi prisoner.



- American soldiers give the thumbs-up behind a pyramid of naked Iraqi prisoners.



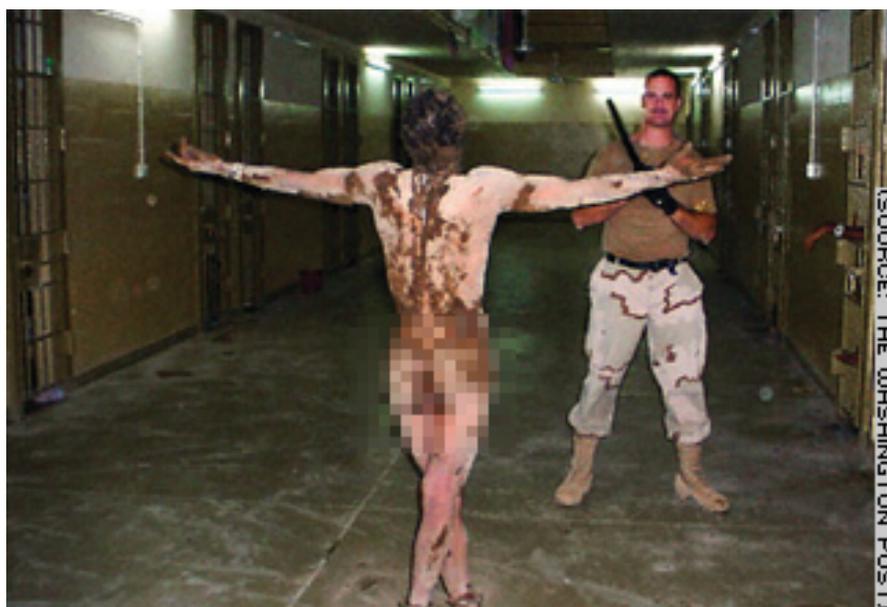
- American soldiers pose behind a pyramid of naked Iraqi prisoners.



- U.S. soldiers with dogs surround a naked Iraqi prisoner.



- England holds the end of a leash attached to a prisoner.



(SOURCE: THE WASHINGTON POST)

- A man soiled with an unknown substance stands with his ankles shackled together as a baton-wielding guard looks on.