

Protests Of Anti-Islam Film Spread With Attacks

CAIRO (AP) — Fury over an anti-Islam film spread across the Muslim world Friday, with deadly clashes near Western embassies in Tunisia and Sudan, an American fast-food restaurant set ablaze in Lebanon, and international peacekeepers attacked in the Sinai despite an appeal for calm from Egypt's Islamist president.

At least four people — all protesters — were killed and dozens were wounded in the demonstrations in more than 20 countries from the Middle East to Southeast Asia. Most were peaceful but they turned violent in several nations, presenting challenges for the leaders who came to power in the Arab Spring.

Security forces worked to rein in the anti-American crowds but appeared to struggle in doing so. Police in Cairo prevented stone-throwing protesters from getting near the U.S. Embassy, firing tear gas and deploying armored vehicles in a fourth day of clashes in the Egyptian capital. One person died there after being shot by rubber bullets.

President Barack Obama said Washington would “stand fast” against attacks on U.S. embassies around the world. He spoke at a somber ceremony paying tribute to four Americans — including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens — killed earlier this week when the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was stormed by militants who may have used protests of the anti-Muslim film to stage an assault on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

An elite Marine rapid response team arrived in Yemen’s capital of Saana, where local security forces shot live rounds in the air and fired tear gas at a crowd of an estimated 2,000 protesters who were kept about a block away from the U.S. Embassy, which protesters broke into the day before.

Collective Bargaining Law Struck Down

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin judge has struck down the state law championed by Gov. Scott Walker that effectively ended collective bargaining rights for most public workers.

Dane County Circuit Judge Juan Colas ruled Friday that the law violates both the state and U.S. Constitution and is null and void. The ruling comes after a lawsuit brought by the Madison teachers union and a union for Milwaukee city employees.

Walker spokesman Cullen Werwie says he is confident the decision will be overturned on appeal.

It was not clear if the ruling means the law is immediately suspended. The law took away nearly all collective bargaining rights from most workers and has been in effect for more than a year.

Ex-Cop Convicted In Abduction And Murder

SYCAMORE, Ill. (AP) — A 72-year-old man was convicted Friday in the 1957 murder of a 7-year-old girl, with spectators letting out a deafening cheer as the verdict was announced in one of the oldest unsolved crimes to eventually get to court in the U.S.

The sound of sobbing overtook the room as the cheers and applause faded after Judge James Hallock pronounced Jack McCullough guilty of murder, kidnapping and abduction in Maria Ridulph's death. Family and friends of the girl fell into each other's arms; others walked up to hug and kiss prosecutors.

McCullough was around 17 years old on the snowy night in December 1957 when the second-grader went missing in Sycamore, about 60 miles west of Chicago. He later enlisted in the military, and ultimately settled in Seattle where he worked as a Washington state police officer.

Maria's playmate the night she disappeared, Kathy Chapman, was a star witness in the case. She testified that McCullough was the young man who approached the girls as they played, asking if they liked dolls and if they wanted piggyback rides.

"A weight has been lifted off my shoulders," said Chapman, who is now 63, said outside on the courthouse steps. "Maria finally has the justice he deserves."

Bomb Threats Prompt Evacuations At NDSU, UT

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tens of thousands of people streamed off university campuses in Texas and North Dakota on Friday after telephoned bomb threats prompted officials to warn students and faculty to get away as quickly as possible. Both campuses eventually were deemed safe and reopened by early afternoon, as authorities worked to determine whether the threats were related.

The University of Texas received a call about 8:35 a.m. from a man claiming to be with al-Qaida who said he had placed bombs all over the 50,000-student Austin campus, according to University of Texas spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon. He claimed the bombs would go off in 90 minutes and all buildings were evacuated at 9:50 a.m. as a precaution, Weldon said.

The deadline passed without incident, and the university reopened all buildings by noon. Classes were canceled for the rest of the day, but other university activities were to resume by 5 p.m.

"We are extremely confident that the campus is safe," UT President William Powers told a news conference.

North Dakota State University President Dean Bresciani said 20,000 people also were evacuated from his school's main and downtown campuses in Fargo after the school received its threat. FBI spokesman Kyle Loven said a call that included a "threat of an explosive device" came in about 9:45 a.m., but he declined to give further details. He said the agency was trying to determine if the two campus threats were related.

French Publication Of Photos Spark Fury

LONDON (AP) — Paparazzi, French media and a British royal: The publication of topless photos of Prince William's wife Kate has reunited the same players whose clash ended with the untimely death of his mother, Princess Diana, in a Parisian car crash.

William, who has long harbored a grudge against the paparazzi who chased Diana in the days and hours leading up to her 1997 death, was clearly infuriated. The royal couple hit back with an immediate lawsuit against the popular French gossip magazine Closer, which is owned by former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's Mondadori publishing empire.

The blurry photos, called a "grotesque" abuse of privacy by royal officials, show Kate — the Duchess of Cambridge — wearing only a skimpy bikini bottom. They are the first to show Britain's likely future queen with her bosom exposed.

St. James's Palace officials sharply criticized the magazine moments after the photos hit French newsstands, comparing the intrusion on the young couple's privacy to the tragic paparazzi pursuit of Diana, which many believe was a contributing factor in her early death on Aug. 31, 1997.

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Obama Leads Mourning For Slain Americans

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WASHINGTON — On a day mixing somber ceremony with campaign clamor, President Barack Obama on Friday eulogized four Americans killed in a suspected terrorist attack on a diplomatic post overseas while Republicans pledged a tougher foreign policy to confront U.S. enemies.

"They didn't simply embrace the American ideal. They lived it," Obama said of Ambassador Chris Stevens and three others who died when the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi was overrun this week. Four flag-draped containers holding the remains rested nearby, attended by Marines as the president vowed, "We will bring to justice those who took them from us."

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan also paid tribute to Stevens and fellow Americans Sean Smith, Glen A. Doherty and Tyrone S. Woods. But their text for the day added disapproval of an American foreign policy that they said lacked resolve.

With Romney facing criticism from some quarters that he had fumbled the issue earlier in the week, Ryan spoke the sharpest words. Pointing to recent events throughout the Middle East and Northern Africa, he said, "We know who America is dealing with in these attacks. They are extremists who operate by violence and intimidation.Amid all these threats and dangers, what we do not see is steady, consistent American leadership."

The day's events unfolded a little more than seven weeks before Election Day, and as a spate of national and battleground-state polls pointed to modest gains for the president following the two parties' political conventions. Both campaigns say they expect the race to be decided by eight or nine states where neither man at this point has a decisive advantage.

Obama set a campaign trip next week to Wisconsin, Ryan's home state and one that Romney is working to turn competitive. The president won handily in 2008, but it still faces unemployment of 7.3 percent, a little below the national average in a slow-to-recover national economy

Like all presidents since the dawn of the television age, Obama is often at the center of moments of national mourning, and he readily assumed the role of consoler-in-chief for families of the four slain Americans. The ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base had little precedent — White House aides pointed to only one other like it, in 1998 — and when it was over, the bodies were taken to Dover Air Force Base where most of those killed in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been flown.

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POOL PHOTO BY MOLLY RILEY/POLARIS VIA ABACA PRESS/MCT
President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, center right, walk away from the podium during the Transfer of Remains Ceremony marking the return to the United States of the remains of the four Americans killed this week in Benghazi, Libya, at Joint Base Andrews, Friday, September 14, 2012.

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bloodshed for freedom."

Earlier in the day, at a fundraiser in New York, he accused Obama of failing to schedule a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, due in the United States later this month. He called it an "extraordinarily confusing and troubling decision," and added, "There have been over the years, confusing messages sent by the president of the United States to the world."

The White House has denied reports that Obama decided not to hold a meeting with the Israeli leader.

For the day, the campaign-long struggle over the economy was shunted to the sidelines but hardly suspended.

One day after Romney unveiled a television ad accusing Obama of "failing American workers" and ignoring unfair trade practices by China, the president's campaign responded in kind.

Ryan Works To Sell Romney To Social Conservatives

BY KASIE HUNT
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WASHINGTON — Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan said Friday that he's given Mitt Romney some personal advice: talk more about yourself.

"I'm not the only one who has told Mitt that maybe he needs to talk more about himself and his life," the Wisconsin congressman told an audience of social conservatives gathered for the yearly Values Voters Summit. "It wouldn't hurt if voters knew more of those little things that reveal a man's heart and his character."

Romney, who spoke to the gathering last year but took a pass this time, dispatched Ryan to appear on his behalf before this core part of the GOP base. Social conservatives and evangelical Christians never have fully warmed to the former Massachusetts governor, given his Mormon faith and past reversals on social issues they hold dear. But Ryan is one of their own: a Catholic with an unblemished anti-abortion voting record in Congress and a reputation as a crusader for fiscal conservatism.

In his 30-minute speech, Ryan sought to energize these so-called

values voters — a key portion of the GOP base that Romney's campaign needs to help organize voters and turn out in droves for him in November.

He also delivered a blistering critique of President Barack Obama's position on abortion, saying the president stands for an "absolute, unqualified right to abortion."

Ryan also discussed his own religion, saying: "I am a Catholic, not because anyone has ordered me to accept a creed, but because of the grace and truth revealed in my faith — and that's how we all feel about the faiths we hold." He received several standing ovations during the address. Two protesters who interrupted him and were quickly escorted out of the hotel ballroom where Ryan spoke.

At several points during his remarks, Ryan appeared to try to sell Romney to skeptics in the audience, which remained mostly silent as Ryan spoke about the nominee. He capped his remarks with a testament to Romney's values.

Ryan called Romney a "trustworthy, faithful and honorable man" who is "not only a defender of marriage — he offers an example of marriage at its best."

"He's a man who could easily have contented himself with giving donations to needy causes, but everyone who knows him well will tell you that Mitt has always given himself," Ryan said. "He's one of those guys who doesn't just exhort and oversee good works, but shows up and does the work."

Ryan also called Romney "a modest man with a charitable heart, a doer and a promise-keeper."

Some social conservatives said they were impressed with Romney's selection of Ryan, saying it helped this part of the Republican base begin to fall in line behind Romney.

"When he came on board there was tremendous energy from the

grass roots," said Bryan Fischer, an official with the American Family Association.

"It was a bold pick," said Tony Perkins, head of the Family Research Council, which spearheads the Values Voters Summit. "With Ryan comes, as you heard here today, a very strong statement."

Perkins, a former Louisiana state lawmaker, said the imperative to beat Obama is great enough to overcome any objections evangelical voters may have about Romney. He said he's reaching out to the network of pastors he previously had tapped to help former Sen. Rick Santorum, a Romney rival, during the primary campaign, and is urging them to help Romney in the general election.

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