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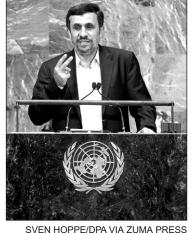
Arabs Seek Blasphemy Ban; U.S., Russia Spar On Syria

BY MATTHEW LEE AND BRADLEY KLAPPER Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The head of the Arab League called Wednesday for the international community to criminalize blasphemy, warning that insults to religion pose a serious threat to global peace and security. The comments put him squarely at odds with the United States and many of its western allies, which are resolutely opposed to restrictions on freedom of expression.

Also at Wednesday's U.N. Security Council session, the U.S. and Russia offered starkly differing assessments of the situation in Šyria, underscoring the global body's inability to unite around a strategy to end the Arab country's civil war. Whereas Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton decried Syrian President Bashar Assad's "murdering of his own people," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accused the U.S. and other countries of encouraging terrorism.

But perhaps the most controversial argument came from the Arab League's Nabil Elaraby, who told the U.N. Security Council that if the west has criminalized acts that result in bodily harm, it must also criminalize acts that insult or cause offense to religions. He condemned the violence that erupted throughout the Muslim world in response to an anti-Islam film produced in the United States. But, he said that unless blasphemy laws are enacted and enforced, similar incidents could happen again. While we fully reject such ac-



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gives a speech at the 67th meeting of the General Assembly at the United Nations in New York, New York on Wednesday.

tions that are not justifiable in any way, we would like to ring the warning bell," Elaraby said. "We are warning that offending religions, faiths and symbols is indeed a matter that threatens in international peace and security now."

"If the international community chological and spiritual harm," he said. "The League of Arab States calls for the development of an international legal framework which is binding ... in order to confront insulting religions and ensuring that religious faith and its symbols are respected.'

member Árab League valued the freedom of speech but stressed

that "we don't see any relation between freedom of expression which aims at enriching culture and building civilization of the one hand and activities that merely offend and insult the beliefs, culture and civilization of others.'

Individual members of the Arab League, including Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, have issued similar calls.

Elaraby spoke at a special session of the Security Council called to discuss developments in the Middle East, including the crisis in Syria and the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Speaking later at the same meeting, Clinton did not address Elaraby's comments. On Tuesday, though, President Barack Obama gave a powerful defense of free speech rights as he spoke to the U.N. General Assembly. He strongly defended the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of the freedom of expression, "even views that we profoundly disagree with.'

Clinton said the protests exposed "deep rifts" within the Arab Spring's new democracies that extremists were able to exploit. She said the U.S. would work closely with the region's new democracies, specifically on helping them restore security. Threats she cited included extremists trying to "hijack" Tunisia's democratic progress and al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula's dangerous presence in Yemen.

The riots underscored the challenges of building security forces focused on protecting people, not regimes," Clinton told foreign ministers from the 14 other U.N. Security Council members. "Training,

funding, and equipment will only go so far. It takes the political will to make hard choices and tough changes that will build strong institutions and lasting security.'

On Syria, Clinton joined other ministers in complaining that the U.N. Security Council has been unable to unify behind a plan to end the violence in Syria and promote a political transition. Clinton said the council was "paralyzed." French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said it was "shocking" that the council had been unable to act. Advocates say almost 30,000 people have died since March 2011, but China and Russia have blocked Security Council action on Syria.

Without mentioning any country by name, Lavrov blamed the U.S. and its European and Arab allies for the continued violence.

"A significant share of responsibility for the continuing bloodshed rests upon the states that instigate the opponents of Bashar Assad to reject the cease-fire and dialogue and at the same time to demand unconditional capitulation of the regime," he said. "Such an ap-proach is unrealistic and in fact it encourages terrorist methods that the armed opposition is using more and more often."

Earlier Wednesday, Clinton said western and northern African nations need to tighten security on their borders to combat the increased movement of extremists, weapons and drugs. She called the Sahel region is a "powder keg" of hunger, displacement and insecurity, and said the world can't ignore the situation.

Menno

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doesn't have to stop at graduation from high school." In return, The SOUND welcomes Wenisch's invitation

to perform during Friday's event, said Jonathan Alvis, the USD director of athletic bands.

"The SOUND of USD is invited to numerous events each year to perform as an exhibition band," he said. "At Menno, we will perform both of our half-time shows, as well as pre-game and other standard tunes. There will be 160 musicians, color guard and staff (from USD) traveling to Menno for the event."

Besides producing entertainment, Alvis hopes his band provides a role model for the young musicians gathered for Menno Band Day.

"I want students that see The SOUND to be encouraged and inspired to remain involved in music, to work hard and to know that you can have fun while striving to be great," he said.

As host, Menno will participate as an exhibition band, Wenisch said. The following schools will compete in Friday's street marching:

 Middle School Bands — Yankton, Sioux Falls Christian, Tea, Lennox, Elk Point Jefferson and Harrisburg.

• Class B - Arlington, Viborg-Hurley, Avon, Alcester-

Hudson, Tripp-Delmont, Scotland, Gregory and Parker. • Class A — Sioux Falls Christian, Tea, Lennox, Elk Point-Jefferson, Beresford, Tri-Valley and Plankinton/Mt. Vernon.

Trophies, sponsored by Ray's Mid-Bell Music of Sioux City will be presented to the first- and second-place bands in each class. Additionally, four caption awards will be presented to the Outstanding Drum Line, Outstanding Color Guard and Outstanding Drum Majors.

A "Crowd-Pleaser Award" is given to the most entertaining performance of the day. Finally, the Sweepstakes Award is given to the best scoring performance of the day.

THE BEST LAID PLANS

What does it take to make Menno Band Day such a successful event?

"Tons of planning!" Wenisch said. "We start planning the next year's event right after the parade is completed. Notes are taken on what was done this current year. We start with asking the directors what they liked and what they feel needs improvement. From there, discussion is held with Music Boosters and Menno's administration about changes we would like to implement."

Then, things slow down while Wenisch waits for the school calendar to solidify for the upcoming year.

When the (Band Day) date is confirmed, judges are lined up and a guest band is acquired," she said. "And at that time, we can simply wait to see how many bands want to join us for our event.'

Finalizing the list of participating bands marks just the start of another round of planning, Wenisch said. T-shirt orders are placed, lunch counts are taken and a myriad of other details are tackled to make Menno Band Day a well-oiled machine.

"Luckily, I have a great Music Booster organization and very supportive colleagues in Menno," she said. "They help me maintain my sanity during these final weeks!"

Wenisch also credits the patience of her husband, as personal plans are put on hold in the days and weeks leading up to Menno Band Day.

By mid-September every year, my husband simply knows that anything that's not required to be done at the house will get put off until this event is over!" she said.

Åfter hosting Menno Band Day, the Marching Wolves are headed for the Lake Area Marching Competition, Oct. 5 in Chester; USD's D-Days parade, Oct. 6 in Vermillion; and the River City Marching Competition, Oct. 13 in Chamberlain.

After Friday's appearance, USD hosts the 30th annual Quad State Marching Competition, Oct. 13 at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. The SOUND's Year End Spectacular will be held Nov. 19 in Aalfs Auditorium on the USD campus.

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Thune

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College tuition costs were mentioned.

"Yeah, that's gone up dramatically," Thune said.

Also brought up were issues involving student loans and monetary policy.

Early in his remarks to the students, Thune said his attitude toward government class at their age was similar to his current feelings about shredded wheat.

"When you get to be my age, you've got to have it. It's good for you," he stated. "But it doesn't taste very good. It's kind of boring. Dry but nourishing is what they say. That's what I thought about government: It was dry but nourishing."

It's when you get to see politics play out up close and personal that the subject takes on new dimensions, Thune said.

"That's why I would encourage you, if you ever get the chance ... to come to Washington, D.C., and see it in action, or go to Pierre," he advised the students. "I think it gives you an entirely different perspective and hopefully makes it a little more meaningful.

When Thune asked if any of the students plan to run for elected office someday, there were some nervous looks and finger pointing, but no one raised their hand.

"Even if you don't, it's important that you stay involved at some level - at the minimum, voting," he said.

The United States depends upon the participation of citizens in the process to make it function effectively, Thune added.

He expressed optimism that Congress would get some legislation ac-complished during the lame duck session after the Nov. 6 election.

'There's probably been no time that I've been involved with public life where I've been as concerned about the future of the country for a lot of reasons," Thune said. "It's a dangerous world, obviously, and there are

people out there who want to kill Americans. It's also a time here at home with our economy and the fiscal crisis we have in this country that I think we're putting in jeopardy all of your futures if we don't get things turned around."

He pointed out the country just surpassed \$16 trillion in debt.

"Your share of that is \$50,000 every one of you," Thune said. "That is a daunting proposition when you think about how we pay that back. We continue to spend more than we take in. In fact, today about 42 cents out of every dollar we spend is being borrowed.

Think about in your own lives the things you have to buy — the gas in your car and that sort of thing," he continued. "If you were operating your personal lives the way the government operates, you'd probably be out of business or someone would be after you and throwing you in jail. That's where we are in the country today. That's got to change.'

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Exchange

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DAKOTACARE, an insurance company operated by the South Dakota Medical Association, said the availability of insurance will not be affected by whether the exchange is run by the state or federal government.

"I don't think it will affect an insurance company's decision to participate in the exchange or not," Zimmer said.

Deb Fischer-Clemens, director of public policy for Avera Health, which runs hospitals, clinics and its own insurance plan, said she supports the governor's decision because a state-run exchange would cost too much. The state apparently will keep its authority to regulate insurance after a federal exchange is created, she said.

"I think it's the only option the governor has at this time," Fischer-Clemens said.

House Democratic Leader Bernie Hunhoff of Yankton said he believes state lawmakers should have been

sets up its own exchange.

made not just by the governor but by the Legislature, with the public at large weighing in," Hunhoff said.

Hunhoff said he doesn't know if a state-run exchange would be better than one operated by the federal government, mostly because no one knows that the federal exchange will include. But a federal exchange may not take into account issues important in South Dakota and other rural states, he said.

Dave Hewett, president of the South Dakota Association of Health Care Organizations, said he believes the governor is justified in letting the federal government run the insurance exchange because a staterun exchange would cost too much. He said he doesn't think the governor's decision not to set up a staterun exchange will affect the hospitals, nursing homes or other facilities that are members of the association.

Daugaard said Wednesday he still hopes the federal law is repealed because he believes it expands government while doing little to curb the rising cost of health care.

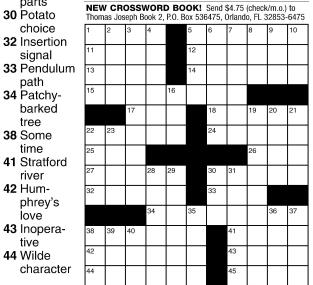
"In the absence of that, our state must work to ensure that even as the federal government implements this law, the state retains control over the regulation of health insurance," the governor said.

Tony Venhuizen, the governor's communications director, said when South Dakota submits its plan telling federal officials that the state will not run its own exchange, it also will propose that the state be allowed to manage the plan. The state would decide which companies are eligible to offer insurance policies through the exchange and would continue regulating the licensing, marketing and other aspects of the insurance industry in the state, he said.

"It allows the state to retain the overall insurance regulation function," Venhuizen said.

Hunhoff said the governor and other South Dakota officials should accept that the health care overhaul will be implemented.

'It's going to be the law of the land. We can't just bury our heads in the sand and pretend it's not happening," Hunhoff said.



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"I'd be worried that the Washington answer might not be the right answer for South Dakota," Hunhoff said.