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Anti-Islam Film ban Lifted for Google

An appeals court in San Francisco has ruled that a US-produced film called Innocence of Muslims, which sparked global riots after its release in 2012, should not be banned from YouTube. A federal court ordered Google to remove the controversial movie, which mocks the Prophet Muhammad, last year. Actress Cindy Lee Garcia had said she had received death threats after being tricked into appearing in the film. Google has said, "We're pleased with this latest ruling." "We have long believed that the previous ruling was a misapplication of copyright law." But no decision has yet been made over whether to reinstate the film on YouTube. [Source: BBC News]

The inability of the rulers of the Muslim world to stand up and defend the honour of the messenger of Allah (saw), is allowing the West to constantly attack Islam in the name of freedom of speech. What the Muslim world needs is the rightly guided K** state to defend not only the honour of the Prophet (saw), but also the blood of Muslims that is spilt by crusader forces and their agents in the Islamic world.**

Germany: Hanover Police Forces Muslim to Eat Rotten Pork

Human rights groups have widely condemned Hanover police abuse of Muslim immigrants, after a Whatsapp video showed German officer forcing a Muslim immigrant to eat rotten pork from the floor for entertainment. Human rights group Pro Asyl condemned the incidents for their "appalling level of racism and inhumanity" and demanded a probe into how many "accomplices in police uniform" knew of the violence, Agence France Presse reported on Tuesday, May 19. The shocking incidents came to light after Hamburg-based German radio channel Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR) aired a report detailing two incidents of immigrants abuse in Hanover police station. "We received a complaint last week that referred to assaults in a police department of the federal police," Attorney-General Thomas Klinge told NDR, Russia Today reported. Police has been sent to search the home and workstation of at least one accused officer who was later suspended. The suspended officer shared a Whatsapp video in which he is seen choking an Afghan asylum seeker and forcing a Moroccan Muslim to eat rotten pork from the floor. The shared video went viral with the officer's colleagues who boasted that he had humiliated Muslims at least twice. Germany is believed to be home to nearly 4 million Muslims, including 220,000 in Berlin alone. Turks make up an estimated two thirds of the Muslim minority. [Source: OnIslam]

What the world is witnessing today on European shores is a return to the era of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, when Muslims were forced to eat pork to prove their loyalty to the Spanish sovereign in the 15th century. Will the Muslims of Europe wake up and take note of their impending doom, as Europe intensifies measures to secularise its Muslim populations under the lofty ideal of freedom!

Ex-Egyptian Leader Morsi Sentenced to Death for Conspiring in Jailbreak

A Cairo court sentenced ousted president Mohamed Morsi to death on charges of conspiring with foreign militants to break out of prison during Egypt's uprising four years ago. The verdict, which can

be appealed, marks a stunning blow to the pro-democracy revolt that saw thousands of Egyptians rise up against an increasingly corrupt police state. Security forces had arrested Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, during the 18-day rebellion in 2011, and he escaped from prison several days later. He was then elected president in the country's first free and fair democratic elections in 2012, before Egypt's military ousted the Islamist leader in a dramatic coup a year later. The verdict appeared to criminalize the events of the 2011 uprising against the regime of Hosni Mubarak, alleging that Morsi and fellow Islamists conspired with Hamas and Hezbollah operatives to escape incarceration and stage a violent revolt against the state. More than 100 other defendants, most of whom were tried in absentia, were also sentenced to death on the same charges. In a separate case, 16 defendants were given the death penalty for allegedly leaking state secrets to Iran while Morsi was in power. In recent months, Egyptian courts have sentenced hundreds of people to death in a series of mass hearings that rights groups have said defy international standards for fair trials. Only one Islamist defendant - who was recorded throwing young, anti-Morsi protesters from the top of a building in 2013 - has been hanged. Tens of thousands have been imprisoned. Morsi's death sentence marks a stunning turnaround for the Islamist leader and Brotherhood group from which he hails. The movement secured a majority in Egypt's parliament in 2012, and Morsi's presidency had offered hope that the country could break the military's decades-long hold on the executive branch. But Morsi proved to be an impotent leader, granting himself sweeping powers but failing to bring state institutions under his control. When massive crowds took to the streets to demand Morsi's resignation in June 2013, Egypt's defense minister and current president, Abdel Fatah al-Sissi, ordered his arrest. [Source: *Washington Post*]

How ironic that Mubarak who usurped \$70 billion and killed countless Egyptians under the tyranny of his rule was freed recently, while Morsi who had no power and was controlled by the army is sentenced to death. Surely, the Egyptians can now see that under Sisi justice was sentenced to death!

Tajikistan Debates Ban on Arabic Names as Part of Crackdown on Islam

Tajikistan is debating legislation to ban Arabic names as part of an ongoing campaign against Islam that has seen men being forced to shave their beards and women in hijab being labelled prostitutes. The president, Emomali Rahmon, ordered his rubber-stamp parliament to consider a bill that would forbid the registration of names considered too Arabic, an official in the Justice Ministry's department of civil registry told Interfax. "After the adoption of these regulations, the registry offices will not register names that are incorrect or alien to the local culture, including names denoting objects, flora and fauna, as well as names of Arabic origin," Jaloliddin Rahimov was quoted as saying. Though the law would only apply to babies born after it is passed, some parliamentarians are reportedly demanding that existing names that are Arab-sounding should be changed to Tajik-sounding ones. If parents cannot come up with a name on their own, the Justice Ministry is preparing a list of recommended ones. Islam is by far the largest religion in Tajikistan, practised by about 98% of the population. Religious observance has been on the rise recently, much to the dismay of the secular government which cites fears that the country's disenfranchised and poverty stricken villages are becoming recruiting grounds for militants. As well as clamping down on beards and hijab, authorities have closed independent mosques and encouraged imams to use their sermons to praise the president. Human rights groups say Muslims are regularly arrested on trumped-up charges that conflate faith with terrorism. But the latest measure casts such a wide net that, if taken literally, it could catch the country's biggest fish. The president's name, Emomali, is a version of Imam Ali, Prophet Muhammad's son-in-law, the fourth caliph for Sunnis and the first imam for Shia Muslims. [Source: *The Guardian*]

How shallow is the thinking of President Emomali; Will banning of Arabic names dampen the ferocity of the Islamic revival in Central Asia? Never. The move amply illustrates that the leaders of Central Asian states are on their last legs, bereft of any ideas, as they struggle to counter the Islamic revival sweeping their countries.